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Standing: Coach Wolfe, Purdue, Stoutenborough, Vorce, Long, Hayden, Waller, Capt. Milnes, Wilson, Kirby, Ammann, Himes, Wikoff, Fishel, Pulliam, F. Sterling, Mgr. C. Bennett.
Seated: Bowden, Crouch, Chapman, Oates, T. Bennett, Morris, Hilt, Jim Sterling, Meador.
Front: Rains, John Sterling, Tozer, Riley.



TWO EXTRA FOOTBALL GAMES SCHEDULED

Maroa's football schedule was lengthened by the addition of two more games. The first, with the Bloomington Reserves at Bloomington on Nov. 8th, took the place of the cancelled Bethany game. The second game was with St. Teresa's of Decatur at Maroa on Nov. 14th.

MAROA TOPS CLINTON RESERVES

This game at Maroa was witnessed by a very small crowd. The locals had the old fight in them and in spite of Clinton's spurts of stiff opposition, Maroa scored four touchdowns and a point for a 25-0 count.

The first came in the first period as a result of a blocked Clinton punt which Maroa recovered on the visitors fifteen yard line. After Wilson, Ammann and Waller had banged away at the line for five times, Wilson carried it over from the three yard line. Maroa was held scoreless in the second period while Clinton made considerable yardage through our line. The score at the half stood Maroa 6-Clinton 0.

In the third quarter, the Blue and Gold aggregation broke through for another touchdown. It was the result of some nice pass catching by Crouch, Maroa right end. He nabbed two

passes for about 40 yards and then the backfield did some more bucking at the line, till finally Waller went over from the five yard line. The try for point failed and Maroa led 12-0 at the close of the period.

In the fourth quarter Maroa scored two touchdowns and a point. The first resulted in the completion of a couple of passes, followed by some nice plunging by Ammann. Waller made the touchdown from the Clinton fifteen yard line due to Hilt's blocking.

Not to be out-done by anyone, Hilt intercepted a Clinton pass in mid-field and galloped fifty yards for a touchdown.

HAMMOND 12; MAROA 7

Fate decrees that we can't win every game. After Maroa had scored a touchdown in the second period of the game, Hammond came back for two more in the last half to defeat the local gridmen 12-7.

Both teams started slow; then Maroa warmed up and made several gains through the Hammond line and finally scored a touchdown on an off-tackle smash by Ammann, near the end of the quarter. Ammann also plunged for the extra point and at the half Maroa led 7-0.

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For a time it looked as if the locals would hold Hammond but the resistance weakened. In the third quarter, a Hammond punt, fumbled by Maroa and recovered by Hammond, put the opponents on Maroa's fifteen yard line. From that point P. Legge, in a series of plunges, drove through for a counter. The try for point failed. Score—Maroa 7; Hammond 6.

In the final period, this same man galloped for another touchdown on an unexpected break of a widespread pass formation. During the remaining minutes Maroa cut deep into the enemies territory on line smashes and long passes, but a Hammond interception of a pass cooked the last chance to score. Ammann's off-tackle smashes were a thorn in Hammond's side.

MAROA 27; BLOOMINGTON RESERVES 2

This game, played on Illinois Wesleyan Field in Bloomington, was the first that the boys had played in a city and was celebrated by a 27-2 victory.

The Maroa's started fast and played Bloomington off their feet in the first period, rolling up fourteen points. The first touchdown was coined by Ammann on an off-tackle slash. The extra point was made on a similar play. Later in the period, after a steady march into Bloomington territory, Wilson scored on a long, fast end run. Ammann accounted for the extra point. Score: Maroa 14; Bloomington "All Americans" 0. In the second period the McLean county boys threw a scare

into the locals by a nice passing attack, marching steadily from their own twenty yard line to Maroa's 30 yard line; Waller, however intercepted a pass and halted the rally.

Maroa came back for two more counters in the last half. Maroa had the ball on Bloomington's forty yard mark, when Wilson tossed a long high pass to J. Sterling (the ball trickled through a Bloomington man's hand into Sterling's) who raced to the two yard line. From here Wilson crashed through center for a touchdown and also scored the point.

The last touchdown was scored by Ammann. Maroa had the ball on the opponents forty yard line; fourth down and two yards to go. A punt was expected, but Ammann surprised the crowd, slashed through tackle, eluded the secondary, and raced over the goal line. The try for point failed.

"Bob" Stoutenborough, Freshman adherent, subbed at tackle for Hilt, who was out all the game because of injuries. Vorce was substituted for Long; Purdue for Ammann; Kirby for Waller; Himes for Crouch; F. Sterling for Stoutenborough, in the closing minutes of play.

MAROA 32; ST. TERESA 13

Maroa wound up an unusually successful season by defeating St. Teresa High of Decatur. Ammann led the scoring with three touchdowns, while Wilson and Waller scored seven points apiece.

First Quarter: For four downs Maroa's defensive held Teresa on the two yard line. Due to a bad pass from center and a quick rush, Wilson's punt was received by a Teresa half on the fifteen yard line and was returned to the one yard line. After three attempts Scott slipped over but the try for point was missed.

Second Quarter: In the opening minutes Waller scored on an end run, intended for a lateral pass, but Wilson, being covered, he tore through the secondary and crossed the goal. The second touchdown came as the result of the same faked play with Ammann carrying the ball through tackle. He straight armed and outran eight Teresa men for a dash of sixty yards—the longest run yet executed on the new gridiron. Ammann carried the ball again from the 30 yard line and twisting through tackle, scored. Wilson drove fiercely through center for the extra point. The half ended, Maroa 19; St. Teresa 6.

Third Quarter: Things began to look bad for the locals when Martin of Teresa scored on a long pass from Yoder and the try for point was successful. Maroa again got close but couldn't score.

Fourth Quarter: For the third straight time in the game Ammann counted for Maroa. He scored from the Saint's thirty yard line on a fake end around play. Waller went over for the extra. The last touchdown was the result of a long pass from Wilson to Jim Sterling who dashed to the one yard line before the safety nabbed him. Wilson plunged through center for the

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touchdown. Kick-off; wild assault by Teresa; gun.

The line-up:

MAROA		ST. TERESA
J. Sterling	L E	Wayne
Stoutenborough	L T	Treacy
Morris	L G	Gebhart
Bennett	C	Moran
Oates	R G	Marty
Chapman	R T	Nalefski
Himes	R E	Shoemaker
Ammann	Q B	Snook
Waller	L H	Farkas
Long	R H	Wrigley
Wilson	F B	Scott

MAROA'S SEASON RECORD

Maroa, 40; Macon, 0
 Maroa, 0; Decatur Reserves, 7
 Maroa, 13; Macon, 6
 Maroa, 0; Illiopolis, 51
 Maroa, 6; Cerro Gordo, 7
 Maroa, 25; Clinton Reserves, 0
 Maroa, 7; Hammond, 12
 Maroa, 27; Bloomington Reserves, 2
 Maroa, 32; St. Teresa, 13

TOTALS:

Games won	5
Games lost	4
Percentage555
Points scored by Maroa	150
Points scored by opponents	98

STERLING JINX

For four times during the football season "Jim" Sterling nabbed passes from Wilson of more than twenty-five yards, carried the ball to the two or three yard line, but each time was pulled down before crossing the goal. On three of these, which occurred in the second Macon, Bloomington "All-Americans" and St. Teresa games, much needed touchdowns were scored.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Down in the locker room, following the Teresa game, Captain "Bud" Milnes, in the presence of the entire squad, released the air from the football with which this last game was played. Such is an old "Spanish custom" which impressively marked the close of the football career for the team of '30. Next year's football captain will inflate this same ball to be used in the opening home game.

SPIRIT

For two years a face, familiar to local gridmen on the practice field, has been that of Fred Sterling. He has been faithful at practice, energetic in helping to scrimmage the first team, and loyal in his support of athletics. It is such spirit as his which molds a team into a strong bond of union and cooperation. The sport write-ups for the "Blue and Gold" came from Fred's pen and we hesitate not in saying that he is onto his job.

Skipper Says

"BUGBEARS"

There are black bears, brown bears, cinnamon bears and polar bears, but did you ever hear of "bugbears." Of all the varieties of bears the bugbear is undoubtedly the commonest yet to the majority of us he is a stranger in our minds. If one were to point out some of the distinguishing characteristics of this bear the description would run somewhat like this: He varies in size from a tiny kitten to the largest elephant, yes, even to a mountain; he is an animal that mimics most elaborately; he is inclined to gregariousness, and is parasitic in nature; his habitat is the minds of individuals irrespective of age or sex; he is often very much at home in the minds of the average high school boy or girl.

Teachers from time immemorial have had to contend with this bear. They despise this bear, to say the least. He has been an insurmountable obstacle in the way of teaching. He has never been conquered, not even frightened. Pupils use this bear in self defense and block the road to learning.

Every day, almost, we teachers meet with this situation. A pupil is failing in a particular subject. He gives as the reason that he never was good in mathematics; that he barely edged through arithmetic; that he never did like it, and that it therefore is impossible to ever expect him to like it, and to get it. All that we can do in the face of this situation is to throw up our hands and admit defeat and chalk up one more in favor of the "bugbear." The case becomes chronic when, as it frequently happens, the father or mother, or both, plead the case of the pupil with these additional facts. The mother will in all sincerity say that she never liked mathematics nor could understand and get it; that her father and mother, grandfather and grandmother, and even her great-grandparents were in the same fix in regard to mathematics and that therefore her child comes by it naturally. All the king's horses and all the king's men are now absolutely helpless. The "bugbear" has scored another victory.

All this implies that likes and dislikes are inherent tendencies; that they are inherited. This is no longer supported by scientific data. On the contrary these characteristics are acquired and not inherited. This is explained as follows—We certainly like some experiences better than others. As a result we foster the one and shun and neglect the other. What happens? We build up an attitude of like for the one, and one of dislike for the other. The experience of the one is satisfying, the other annoying, and hence we choose the former and the latter becomes a "bugbear" by our own creation and environment. Why does music run in families? Because the members of this family have for generations loved music to the extent that they have literally eaten with it and slept with it, and the children in this family from the very beginning acquired a taste for music. It was not inherited. Only biological characteristics are inherited, and, of course, these often contribute more to one trait than another.

Let us relegate the "bugbear" to the waste-basket. Any normal pupil can "get" a subject if he sets his mind to do it. Bugbears do not exist except as mental attitudes that have been built up. It is too bad that we still must have them when they are such impediments to progress in school.

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LOCALS

MORE NOISE

The clarinet class was organized Nov. 3rd. There are three members studying the clarinet, one studying the saxophone and one studying the cornet. These students plan to be in the orchestra by January.

GUESTS AT REVIVAL

The high school students and faculty were the guests of the revival at the Presbyterian church Oct. 23. The choir was made up of various members of the high school. Rev. Coen spoke on "Christ's Challenge to Youth."

UP AND GOING

One of the Freshmen has proved himself "up and going" in an unusual respect by displaying various articles of manual work in the study hall. Deral Rains has had no manual training except that of experience. So far, he has shown us miniatures of an airplane, a covered wagon and auto racers.

AGRICULTURE CLASS DEBATES

On Friday, Nov. 7th the class had its first debate. The question was: Resolved—"That the tractor is not as profitable as the horse on a 160 acre farm." The affirmative team consisted of Clarence and Ralph Mayall and Darrel Dash. The negative team consisted of Robert Milnes, Timmie Crouch and Dean McIlvenna. The question was argued pro and con and both teams put up some strong points to support their claims. The rest of the class acting as judges, voted in favor of the negative.

Other debates on agricultural questions will follow in the near future.

ORCHESTRA PROGRESSES

The high school orchestra was represented by fourteen of its members playing at the League Rally at the M. E. church Nov. 7th. They are also playing more new pieces at rehearsals now which prove to be a relief to their fellow students.

DEBATE ON DEBATING

The English IV class had its first debate of the year. The question was: Resolved—"That Debating as Generally Conducted in American Schools is Educationally Harmful." The affirmative team was made up of Wilbur Chapman, Racheal Bowden and James Waller. The negative of Rosemary Cox, Montizelle Braden and John Ammann. There were some very good construction speeches given. The remainder of the class divided into two sides and gave the rebuttals. There were no judges.

REPRESENTATION OF PROGRAMS

The members of the radio club gave their "Amos and Andy" program at the Shiloh school Nov. 7 as guests of the P. T. A.

The Senior class represented the parody of MacBeth Nov. 18th for the high school P. T. A.

Miss Flugum was absent Nov. 13th because of a sprained ankle.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL TREE

Nineteen hundred thirty one being the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth, the American Tree Association has asked schools and organizations to plant trees in commemoration of the occasion. The biology class has received this honor by planting the first tree on the new high school grounds. Two committees have been appointed to get permission from the Board of Education, to obtain further information concerning the undertaking to plan a program, and to select a tree. The site for planting has been selected. The planting is to occur some afternoon soon in the presence of the public.

GIRLS' GYM CLASS

The Girls' gym class under the direction of Miss Kane and Miss Garrison has been meeting every Monday evening at 4 p. m. for several weeks. The Junior class is leading in the scoring of points so far this year, although the other classes have been improving in the recent practices. The Freshmen have three teams, the Sophomores one, the Juniors two and the Seniors one.

RADIO CLUB ENTERTAINS

Brrump, brrrrrr, screee, yeow—"Ladies and gentlemen. This is station BLANK broadcasting from our studio (the laboratory) on the third floor of M. C. H. S. Our next number will be "Amos 'n' Andy" and the Tennessee Blackbirds in a presentation of hilarious song fest. Their first selection will be "Howdy Everybody" and "Springtime in the Rockies." Dis am Andy announcin'."

The Radio club, under the direction of Mr. Keyes, gave a demonstration of one of their club meetings and an example of their project work before the assembly on Oct. 29th. The following speeches were given by the members: Wallace Turner—"What is a Radio Amateur." Donald Hayden—"History of the Radio;" Fred Sterling—"Purposes of the Club." Mr. Keyes gave us an insight into the important position held by the amateur operator in the radio world.

The student body was next entertained by "Amos 'n' Andy" and Co., in person. Floyd Hilt and John Ammann faithfully and humorously portrayed these favorites of Radio Land and were backed by an all-star Blackbird orchestra consisting of James Waller, Leonard Braden, Bob Stoutenborough, James Sterling and Junior Waller.

CHAMPS IN DAIRY TO ST. LOUIS

James Waller and Charles Bennett who won first place in dairy demonstrations at the Illinois State Fair and who went to St. Louis to the National Dairy Show as the demonstration team from Illinois gave very interesting accounts, during the Future Farmer assembly on Oct. 22 about their trip.

At the National Dairy Exposition the boys placed eighteenth out of a field of forty-four. This is excellent considering that there was only a shade of difference in the runners up for honors. About every state in the Union was represented. We were then favored with songs by Mr. Norton and his girl friend who happened to be John Ammann in the attire of mademoiselle.

We hear that Lura Hunsinger left us to start a home fire burning. We wish her luck.

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YE SCIENTISTS

On Nov. 10th, the members of the physics class under the direction of Mr. Wolfe performed an interesting experiment to determine the speed of sound in air. The class journeyed to the Illinois Central railroad tracks. Several of the boys walked down the track about 880 yards from the remaining ones, who were at the last town crossing on the south, and shot a gun. The time was taken by a stop watch, from the instance that the smoke was seen until the report was heard. The calculation showed that sound traveled 1140 feet per second on that day.

RADIO CLUB HOOK-UP

The circuit used for the radio club entertainment transmission is known commonly as the speech amplifier circuit. It is the same as that used by talking picture projectors, public address systems, electric phonographic reproducers, etc.

The circuit usually consists of two or more vacuum tubes coupled with proper sized amplifying transformers using a rather high voltage and coupled to a power loud speaker. As this circuit is already in use in the final stages of any up-to-date radio today it is a simple matter to cut in and connect a microphone of proper resistance to the circuit. Best results are obtained by inserting another transformer between the microphone and the amplifying part of the radio set. The principal difficulties encountered are finding the proper type of microphone and coupling transformer. Also, the howling of the loud speaker when the microphone is brought too close to the set. This is due to the collision or heterodyning of sound waves near the microphone and the same sound waves after they are emitted from the loud speaker in amplified form. This is the same in effect as when two radio broadcasting stations are too close together such as is commonly found on the bottom of the broadcast band.

The cut in for this circuit may be made in any radio on the contacts provided for a phonograph pick-up.—Mr. Keyes.

BIOLOGY CLASS TAKES A FIELD TRIP

Thursday, Oct. 3rd, the Biology class went to Salt Creek for a field trip. The purpose of the trip was to look for insects which were hidden in their winter quarters. Many examples of the various insects and their shelters were found.

SENIORS ACT

At the assembly, Nov. 5th, in charge of the Senior class each staff member of the "Blue and Gold" gave a short talk on the work of his department in assembling an issue of the school paper. The humorous part of the program was the dramatization, "Macdeath"—a parody on Shakespere's "Macbeth."

The Cast:

- "Lady Macdeath"—John Ammann.
- "Macdeath"—Wilbur Chapman.
- "Macpuff"—Floyd Hilt.
- "King Duncce"—Montizelle Braden.
- "Witches"—Rosemary Cox, Ruth Lyons, Edith Shoemaker.
- "Hecate"—Racheal Bowden.
- "Western Union Messenger"—Miram Vandevanter.
- "Banquet"—Helen Wheeler.
- "Fleas"—Charles Bennett.
- "Banquet's Ghost"—Cleo Shoemaker.
- "Pat"—James Waller.
- "Mike"—Wallace Turner.
- "The Maid"—Gladys Austin.
- "Dope, the Chauffeur"—Fred Sterling.

Lady Macdeath was dressed in a gingham apron, wig, effective rolled socks and lots of rouge. "True Romance" was her weakness.

Macdeath wore a combination of plug hat, black vest, yellow football jersey, basketball trunks and long underwear.

Macpuff was attired in tights of ladies hose, high top boots turned down, knee breeches, derby and sleeveless shirt.

ARMISTICE PROGRAM

In commemoration of Armistice Day, the Junior class gave the patriotic play "For Liberty's Sake." The story dealt with a mother's reluctance in allowing her son to join the army, of his death in battle and of his last words of comfort taken to his parents by his chum, in which he stated that he was glad that he could die for a noble cause. The dug-out scene in France, accompanied by the pattering and boom of machine guns, and made real by the soldiers uniforms, was very effective.

THE CAST

- Charles Gray, man of middle age James Wikoff
- Mrs. Gray, his wife Mary Elizabeth Sprecklemeyer
- Jack Gray, son who is of age Bob Long
- Nellie Gray, daughter Helen Spooner
- Howard Chase, Jack's chum Nelson Wilson
- Gene Fisher, enlisted soldier Virgil Purdue
- Ruth Sherrod, Red Cross nurse Mary Katharine Ammann
- Spirit of Democracy Helen Katharine Stoutenborough
- Spirit of Liberty Gertrude Hastings
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Mr. Wolfe: "Hilt, why did Caruso have such a wonderful voice?"

Floyd Hilt: "I don't know. I never met him."

Mr. Keyes: "What is interest?"

Helen Hutchinson: "The use of money."

Mr. Keyes: "What is the money paid for this use called?"

Russell Reed: "Interest."

We really think John Ammann is Scotch since hearing him order a coke with three straws.

Lloyd Oates, waking up when bell rings in study hall: "Come on, Wilson, boy, we've got to win this game."

Mr. Wolfe: "John, what was the error in our calculations?"

John: "Huh?"

Mr. Wolfe: "The error, e-r-r-o-r."

John: "Oh, that's what's wrong with them."

Miss Kane: "Thomas, where do you find the word 'bier' in the dictionary?"

Tom Bennett: "It ain't there. It comes in cases."

Themes—the Freshmen write 'em. Listen: "The Life of Sir Walter Scott."—"The life and death of Sir Walter Scott was greatly loved and admired by all."

Miss Kane: "John, what is a little turkey called?"

John Kirby: "A goslin."

Mr. Keyes, in Modern History: "Mary, what penalties did Charles I make use of when the people refused to pay the forced tax?"

Mary Liming: "Oh, wasn't that where he even went so far as to have their ears cut off?"

One contributor says, "Wallace Turner is so dumb he thinks violet ray is a girl."

Miss Kane: "James, what is parricide?"

James Parker: "A little louse."

James Waller: "Did you know that I once worked in a watch factory?"

Rosemary: "No, what did you do?"

James: "Oh, I held hands and made faces."

Timmy Crouch had given an oral theme in English.

Miss Kane: "Are there any criticisms?"

Timmy, after a silence: "I thought it was a very good talk."

John Foulke: "But, Miss Kane, I don't deserve a zero on this test."

Miss Kane: "Yes, John, I know, but I can't grade any lower."

Mr. Norton: "Name a liquid that won't freeze."

John: "Hot water."

Nelson Himes: "Bob, was Washington as honest as they say he was?"

Bob Long: "Boy, he was the most honest man that ever lived."

Nelson: "Then how come they closed the banks on his birthday?"

Mr. Wolfe: "Now, are there any questions?"

Louey Vorce: "Yes sir, how do they calculate the horse power of a donkey engine?"

Mr. Norton: "What is the most outstanding contribution that science has made to the world?"

Tommy Bennett: "Blondes."

Did you hear about Mr. Menke washing his pancake and putting molasses on his hair.

The Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION:

"Are you interested in the athletics department of the Maroa Community High School?"

ANSWERS:

"One should be interested in school, and one interested in school should help support the school in every department. Athletics is a department."—Deral Rains, '34.

"I think the girls that are interested in athletics ought to be so interested in the boys athletics as to attend every game."—Helen Wikoff, '34.

"Everyone should go to the games and meets and show their loyalty, not only to the players, but to the school."—Maxine Westerman, '34.

"I am much interested in the athletic department of the M. C. H. S. I go to as many games and meets as I possibly can."—Cathryn Berry, '34.

"The reason for me being interested in athletics is because I like to indulge in them. I would rather play football than any sport I know of."—John Sterling, '34.

"I like a good sportsman because he will act fair and square whether he wins or loses."—Betty Potter, '34.

"Some of the boys sit and talk to the girls (sissys) and never study. They need to come out for sports, for athletics develops skill and quick-thinking, teaches you when to use your head and how to use it and teaches you teamwork."—Rodney Morris, '33.

"The best thing about athletics is that they promote physical development. It helps to promote a better spirit between other schools."—Virgil Purdue, '32.

"Now, the time has come, when we, as a school, are required to have a boys' and girls' athletic association in our school in order to be up to the standard."—Helen Lyman, '32.

"I like athletics because I think they develop the desire in us to want to be sociable and friendly with other young people and if we are, we learn more and more how to be a good sport."—Mary Elizabeth Sprecklemeyer, '32.

"We must not forget that a person has to use his brain as much in athletics as he does in studies. Athletics speeds your mind up to clear and instant reaction."—James Sterling, '32.

LITERARY

FOOTBALL

Football is my favorite sport. It gives me a thrill to see the guards open a hole and the tackles, ends, and center "take their man."

Cooperation or teamwork is what counts more in football than anything else. Most fans, when watching a game, get a thrill when a back goes through the line for a large gain. Who makes this possible? The guards, tackles, ends, center, and backs do. The guards open the hole, the tackles and ends get their men, and the backs run interference.

When a player goes over the line for a touchdown the fans go wild, and the cheer leaders say "Nine for so and so" or whoever made the touchdown. They never say, "Nine for the team when a touchdown is made. The fans always get a thrill when a long pass is completed. They cheer the receiver, yet nine tenths of a complete pass depends on the passer. If he doesn't get the pass right on the mark the pass is usually not completed.

Football would be much more interesting to the fans if they noted the entire team doing its very best instead of just watching the man with the ball.—John Sterling, '34.

ATHLETICS

Athletics today are just as essential a part of a man's education as books. We have really rediscovered a truth which was recognized by the ancient Greeks. There is no need today of pointing out the advantages in every occupation or profession which the strong, vigorous, clean-cut man, the athletic man, possesses. But athletics, rightly considered, mean much more than the development of mere muscle. The true ideals of athletics are not bone and sinews alone, but such qualities as quickness and skill, courage and manliness, plucky energy and endurance. In short, strength of mind and of character, as well as of the body.—Lloyd Oates, '32.

THANKSGIVING

It was the day before Thanksgiving in the year of 1885. Mother was busy packing goodies into a basket which was to be tucked away in the sleigh with many more bundles.

I was dressing in my warmest clothes because we were going to Grandmother's for Thanksgiving and we would have to go in the sleigh.

When mother had all of the baskets fixed and me tucked into the back of the sleigh, Daddy brought old Dobbin out of the barn and hitched him up to it. He had a strap of sleigh bells around his neck and it sounded pretty as we traveled over the snow.

It was not long before we reached Grandmother's but we were all covered with snow and very cold. Grandmother hustled us in by the big fire place where the fire was dancing and my cousin was roasting chestnuts.

After the dinner which was so good I can't describe it, my cousin and I went out and played in the snow with her sled. That afternoon we roasted some more chestnuts, popped corn and roasted apples. We went home very happy and I wished that Thanksgiving came oftener.—Betty Potter, '34.

GRADY & GRADY
Law, Real Estate, Farm
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THE LIBRARY

Many of the students in this school do not realize the improvement of the library system. The library this year is carried on in the same manner as that in the larger high schools and universities. We use the decimal system of classification which is in use in all parts of the United States. This classification divides knowledge into nine classes. Each class has nine divisions. This manner of classification gives the books on history, travel, fiction, non-fiction, general works, etc., a special place in the library.

This system is not only easier for the librarian but it saves the books, since they are handled only by the librarian in charge. This is such an improvement that we should be glad to have made such a step upward in this department of our school.

—Maxine Groves, '33

BOOK WEEK

Book Week was observed in our high school Nov. 17, 18 and 19. The P. T. A. sponsored a most attractive display of books suitable for the home library and extended an invitation to all the parents and friends to attend. There were new books and old; books for boys, girls and adults; books of science and invention; and luring books of travel. The Booster club of the school constructed posters for the display.

The exhibit was indeed an inspiration for more books in the home, more books in the library, and more books in the school. These are the objectives toward which this nationwide observance of Book Week is directed.—Miss Kane.

ALUMNI NEWS

Miss Betty Lou Stoutenborough, of the class of '30, is attending Lindenwood College at St. Charles, Mo.

Ralph Parlier of the class of '29 recently received a scholarship from the University of Illinois.

COMIN' THRO'

Failure once, but not for all
It's not a cause to sit and bawl,

Just take in hand,
Some grit and sand,

You'll win thro' after while
If you smile.

So keep a trying,
Grin, don't cry.

And you'll be ahead
In the by and by.

Something easy?

No! Hard.

Eye it, tackle it.

Grab it and run, but watch your guard.

—Mildred Pinney, '32



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"Come and Gas With Us"

MAGICIAN AT ASSEMBLY

Paul McWilliams, ace of comedy magicians, presented a funny-bone tickling exhibition of magical prestidigitation before the school on Nov. 24. Mr. McWilliams features his comedy talk in his act. He did many amusing tricks and closed his program with an amazing illustrated desert drama, "Abdela's Plight."

In a private interview Mr. McWilliams told us that his home was in Nashville, Tenn., and that he had desired to be a magician ever since his high school days. He was firmly convinced of his calling after seeing the great Thurston perform. He immediately took lessons from Thurston, Blackstone, and Houdini; now he has been in the business for seven years and thoroughly enjoys his work.

He is personally acquainted with the Houdini family and so gave us an account of Houdini's accidental death which has heretofore not been published. He said that Mr. Houdini, in giving a lecture before a group of university students, made the remark that no blow in the stomach could hurt him if he were given time to contract his muscles. Following the speech a group of the university students went back stage to talk with him. Unexpectedly one big fellow hit Houdini such a blow in the stomach with his fist that the wizard doubled up in agony. His death came some weeks later due to internal injuries received from this unwarned smash.

"SQUARING IT WITH THE BOSS"

The rip, roaring comedy farce, "Squaring It With the Boss," was presented by a Sophomore personel on Nov. 19th. The play centered around the dilemma of a young husband who had secured a raise by telling his boss of the arrival of a baby at their home. One evening the employer unexpectedly asked to be a guest at dinner. The truth was that there was no baby in the household and many amusing situations arose from the attempt of the newly-weds to substitute the neighbor's nine year old boy, for an occupant of the perambulator.

Outstanding acting was done by Wallace Hogue and Lyle Tozer, while Maxine Groves and Evelyn Dash skillfully posed as old maid aunts. Rodney Morris played well the role of the absent minded boss, who forgot ever being told of the baby. Doris Pride took characteristically the part of the wife who was at her wits end to find a solution to the entangling problems. Good talent is forseen for the Junior and Senior plays of '31 and '33.

CAST

Jack Sparks, young husband	Wallace Hogue
Peggy, his wife	Doris Pride
Jimmy, the neighbor's boy	Lyle Tozer
Clarissa, Jack's aunt	Evelyn Dash
Hortense, Peggy's aunt	Maxine Groves
Mr. Duane, the boss	Rodney Morris

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving had come and dinner was over. Edith and Jane had had turkey and every thing to go with it for dinner. They did not know what they would do in the afternoon. Uncle Jim had promised a story so the girls went to his room and asked him if he was ready to tell them the story. He said, "Yes." The girls brought chairs and sat real close to him.

He said, "The name of my story is 'The First Thanksgiving.'"

"The Pilgrims came to America from England. They came in a ship called the Mayflower. Many of them died of starvation and sickness on the way across the water. When they got to America there were only a few left. As soon as they landed in America they knelt down and thanked God for saving them and delivering them in America. Some of the Indians were friendly and showed them how to plant corn and

build houses. The Pilgrims prospered and increased. After a year had passed they decided to have a dinner and invite the friendly Indians. It took a good while to get things ready for the dinner. The Indians came and brought deer enough for everyone. They had turkey, potatoes, nuts and fruits and many other things. The dinner lasted for three days. After the dinner the Indians and Pilgrims went back to their homes. Ever since we have had Thanksgiving on October thirty-first in honor of the Pilgrims."

"My, what a fine story," exclaimed Edith.

"Is it true?" asked Jane.

"Yes, it is true," said Uncle Jim.



BASKETBALL CALL

At Coach Wolfe's call for basketball candidates, about forty of the boys responded, Tuesday and prospects for a good season are looming up. Strict training rules have been set down so that one who stays on the team will be in fit condition to play the game.

OPENING SCHEDULE

St. Teresa (here) Dec. 5th.

Mt. Zion (there) Dec. 12.

Argenta Tourney Dec. 17, 18 and 19.

CATS?

A grammar-school boy handed in the following composition on "cats."

"Cats that's meant for little boys to maul and tease is called Maultese cats. Some cats is reckernized by how quiet their purrs is and these is named Purrsian cats. The cats what has very bad tempers is called Angorie cats, and cats with deep feelins is called Feline cats. I don't like cats."

M. C. H. S.

M is for Maroa High,
The home of our team,
To each of the football boys
We all have a claim.

C is for Courage
'Tis this that wins the game.
The team will try its best
To win the praise and fame.

H is for Hurry!
And drive through the line.
"We'll have a touch-down,
The boys are doing fine!"

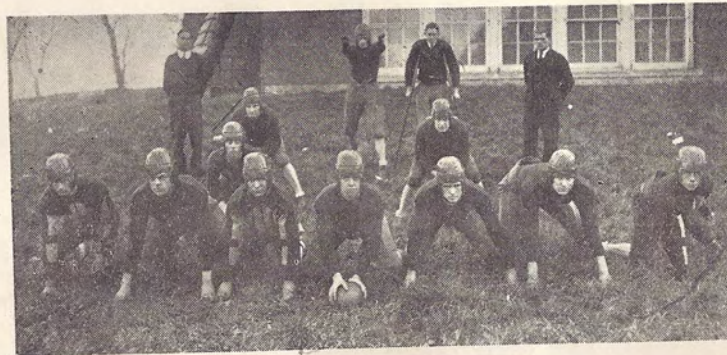
S is for Success!
To do your best or die.
"We'll win a victory
For dear old Maroa High!"

—L. Deral Rains, '34

Team Talk

NAME	POSITION	NICKNAME	HOBBY	FAVORITE SAYING
R. Milnes	Center	"Bud"	Matching pennies	"Come on you guys, get 'em."
T. Bennett	Center	"Tommy"	Girls	"Oh, yeah!"
L. Oates	R. Guard	"Bill"	Pool	"When I was in Shobonier"
W. Chapman	R. Tackle	"Crip"	"The Blue and Gold"	"And so saying"
R. Morris	L. Guard	"Rod"	Football	"Where's Axel?"
F. Hilt	L. Tackle	"Unk"	Cleo	"Anybody seen Cleo?"
T. Crouch	R. End	"Timmy"	"Me an' My Shadow"	"O lee, O laiee"
J. Sterling	L. End	"Jim"	Tooting his horn	"Aw, come on."
J. Ammann	Quarter Back	"Abie"	Love Letters???	"Say, have you read the latest?"
R. Long	R. Half	"Bob"	Riding a bicycle	"Tear 'em up gang, grrr!"
J. Waller	L. Half	"Zeke"	Studying??	"What a liar you turned out to be!"
N. Wilson	Full Back	"Gov"	Going to Clinton	"I see women."
C. Bennett	Manager	"Charley"	Going to Decatur	"I'll prove it."
Mr. Wolfe	Coach	"Coach"	Monmouth	"When I went to Monmouth."

Maroa High Football Team



Front Row: Crouch, Chapman, Oates, T. Bennett, Morris, Hilt, Sterling.
 Long
 Ammann
 Waller
 Mgr. C. Bennett Wilson Capt. Milnes Coach Wolfe

Mr. Keyes: "Now, James, name America's greatest general."
 James Waller: "General Motors."

Mr. Menke: "I suppose you've been through algebra."
 Helen Lyman: "Yes, but I went through at night and couldn't see the place."

Miss Flugum: "What was the tower of Babel?"
 Twain Fort: "Was'nt that where Solomon kept his 500 wives?"

Racheal: "Do you see this diamond ring? Well, it belonged to a millionaire."
 Miram: "Why, who?"
 Racheal: "Mr. Woolworth."

Mr. Wolfe: "Take four out of five and what do you have, Harry?"
 Harry B.: "Pyorrhoea, sir."

Helen Berry: "You know, I just can't find anything that blends well with my voice."
 Helen Glosser: "You might try a bagpipe."



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