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Editorial

SPORTSMANSHIP

(Harold Coultis)

There is no quality that so justifies the hazards of sport and makes all athletic competition so worth while as that great characteristic we have come to know as sportsmanship.

Few persons are born "sports." We learn it from others, from our parents and from our teachers. Most of us learn more about sportsmanship from our school "idols," our athletes.

There is usually better sportsmanship among the players than among the spectators. Sportsmanship is not a quality to be left in the game alone. The successful person in life must also play the game square just as an athlete does on the grid-iron or gym floor.

"Sportsmanship is the playing of the game squarely and clearly, with full consideration for the other fellow, recognition of his rights as a competitor, and the maximum of regard for his safety," says Kaye Don, noted speed boat racer.

Be a good sport and loser. Champion those who are weak, laugh at your weakness—they are nothing. Give the winner his just due, applaud him when he deserves it. Remember you can't win all the time.

Sportsmanship may be expressively stated through the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"SPORTSMANSHIP"

(Sir Henry Newbolt)

"To set the cause above renown,
To love the game beyond the prize,
To honor as you strike him down,
The foe that comes with fearless eyes,
To count the life of battle good,
And dear the land that gave you birth,
But dearest yet the Brotherhood,
That blinds the brave of all the earth."

—Do not forget that the King Male Quartet will appear here Jan. 12th.

'TIS CHRISTMAS

Once again we are at the threshold of that season of all seasons, the happiest time of all the year. How beautiful a thing this is to contemplate upon. Year upon year we observe this season in about the same way, yet time, the exacting taker, has no effect here. Each season is ever new.

Suppose there were no Christmas. In this present moment of disarranged economic affairs the world over this idea might be entertained. If this were done it certainly would mean a big saving in terms of money expended. It might be financially expedient to do this. Happily and fortunately no one has advocated such a policy. A year without Christmas? Why we just couldn't imagine such a thing. Just think of the terrible disappointments and disillusionments in the hearts of millions of little children if Christmas were passed over. We could not afford to pass over Christmas.

Christmas brings the bright and cheerful side of life to view. In the most of us our better natures step out to the front. What is ugly, base, and base is set aside, for the time being, by that which is beautiful, good and respectable. For once, at least, men's hearts are touched with the ideal of 'good will toward men and peace on earth.' How much is this worth! It is priceless. We cannot afford to pass over Christmas. Would that the Christmas spirit became perpetual.

Your part as boys and girls of high school age is to try to live this ideal of 'good will toward men and peace on earth' day in and day out; at home in school, and in all the other situations that constitute a part of our routine. In this way you will be keeping Christmas all the time. For nineteen-hundred-thirty-one years the world has sought this ideal. Today the world is nearer this goal than ever before. A world consciousness of this ideal is necessary before it can become a fact. First the world must be educated to such an attitude. This is being done. You are sharing in it. As such, may you this year enjoy the happiest Christmas ever.—E. H. Menke.

Maroa, Illinois
Dec. 20, 19

Dear Sandy Clauz:

How er ya? I'm jist fine. Hopes your the same. I a riteing thise ere litter two til' ye wct I want for Xmas (scut spellin). My little sister she don know how ter wright so I'll t yer wot she wants to. She wants a dell and a dell baggy and dell kupborde and a dell's set a dishes. Mr. Sandy i wanta ri (better Jimmies) a pere a big hit boots like pas, a set aboy gluv's so's ma'll let me fit Bczo Dunken and mos anythin e you think a gud little boy likes me orter half. Ma made clean out thec himney so you neednut wury bout your cloze live soth west and a little jog east a the flag pole on manestr a at Maroa.

Yours hopefully
Johnny

ORCHESTRA PRESENTS ASSEMBLY

The assembly Dec. 16, was sponsored by our High School orchestra under the direction of Harold C. Hess. Leon Braden, accompanied by Gertrude Hastings, played a cornet solo. The rest of the program consisted of various selections by the orchestra. "Uncle Bob" of WJBL, Decatur, attended the program and has asked the orchestra to broadcast. They will be on the air Jan. 27, at 6 p. m. Don't forget to tune in.

THANK YOU

The staff wishes to take this opportunity of thanking E. H. Menke for his fine Christmas present. He is the donor of the cover for our cover this issue. The financial condition of the paper would not allow for another cover to be made so Mr. Menke said he would be glad to give it to the paper as a Christmas present. The staff is duly grateful.

CIVICS CLASS TAKES TRIP

The Civics class under the supervision of Mr. Keyes, took the annual trip to Springfield, Thursday, Dec. 10th. A few other students who had never seen the capitol, but who were not in the class also went.

Members of the class donated the use of their cars. They visited the capitol and museum in the morning. Among the interesting things they saw there were the offices of the Department of Commerce, the Governor's reception room, and the Senate Chamber. The Senate was in session and the class was fortunate in seeing and hearing one of the heated arguments which take place so often between Senators. The House of Representatives was not in session but they did get to see the assembly hall.

After lunch, the group visited Lincoln's home and the newly remodeled tomb. At the latter, a lecture was given by a man who has made Lincoln his life study.

One of the members of the class commented on the fact that everything in Springfield seemed to revolve about Lincoln.

The trip was enjoyed by all the students and all of the underclassmen are looking forward to the time they will get to make the annual trek to the capitol.

ANNUAL SCHOOL NIGHT HELD

School night was held again this year on Tuesday, Dec. 8. This year there were three periods giving the parents an opportunity of visiting classes in various departments.

After the regular classes Mr. Wolfe's Physical Education class gave a most interesting demonstration.

The attendance was very large this year and the parents seemed interested in the work.

MAROA JUNIOR POULTRY CLUB

A Junior Poultry Club was organized during the third period Friday, Dec. 11th. There are eleven charter members.

A short meeting was held to elect officers and to begin activities. The following officers were elected:

President—Harold Coultis.

Vice President—Arthur Oakley.

Secretary-Treasurer—Paul Braden.

The advisor of the club is Mr. Norton.

HI-Y

Bob Long and Tim Crouch were sent to the Older Boys Conference in Decatur during Thanksgiving vacation. Following their report of the conference a Hi-Y club was organized. This club is a branch of the Y. M. C. A. and its primary object is to bring young men face to face with every day problems and temptations.

The club to date has had three meetings, each held on Monday night.

The following officers were elected at the first meeting:

President—Tim Crouch

Vice President—Franklin Long

Vice President—Bob Long

Vice President—Bud Milnes

Secretary—Franklin Caplinger

Treasurer—Curtis Morgan

We now have forty-seven members and are welcoming all others above fifteen years of age or an upper classman.

MAGICIAN AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINERS APPEAR IN LYCEUM NUMBER

John W. Frye and Company presented the third lyceum program on Monday, Dec. 7th.

From all reports the students think that these lyceum programs are getting better and better. Don't miss hearing "The King Male Quartet" on Jan. 12th at 1 p. m.

The Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION: "What do we as students owe to the Blue and Gold, so that it will be a success?"

ANSWERS:

"We as students should cooperate with the members of the Blue and Gold staff to the best of our ability to make it successful."—Helen Louise Hutchinson, '32.

"We as students should have enough enthusiasm and spirit about us to prevent the Blue and Gold from being a failure. Success is acquired by cooperation from each student."—Hattie Halicki, '34.

"I think that all students should subscribe for the Blue and Gold and help in as many ways as they can to make it a success."—Mary Belle Morris, '34.

"We, the students of M. C. H. S. owe our cooperation and honor in every respect to our school paper, so that it will be a success."—Mary Liming, '33.

"I believe that everyone should contribute bits of news and boost the Blue and Gold in every possible way to make it a bigger and better paper."—Tim V. Crouch, '33.

"We should subscribe for the school paper. We should also try and induce our friends into subscribing. If everyone feels that he has a part in the paper and helps with it, I think that it will be a success."—Robert Long, '32.

"We as students owe cooperation to the Blue and Gold. We can cooperate by contributing items, by advertising it, and by buying a copy for ourselves."—Peggy Skinner, '34.

"In order that our school paper will be a success, we, the students should subscribe for it, advertise it and do our part when asked. We should cooperate and do our best towards boosting it."—Marybelle Tozer, '32.

We, as students, owe the Blue and Gold as much help as we can give to it. We realize that it is a year of depression, and this is as bad for the Blue and Gold as for anything else. We, therefore, should do our part in subscribing for the paper. We should also respond to anything which they ask us to do. If we do our best this year to support the paper there is no reason why our's should not be better than those of any other schools."—James Parker, '32.

Exchange

The Westville High School faculty planned and introduced a new honor system. To attain a place on the high honor roll, an A average is required. Come on with the A average Westville!—"The Westville High," Westville, Ill.

This year, "The Margol" was entered in the high school publications contest, held in connection with the annual meeting of the Illinois State High School Press association. The awards given were distinguished rating certificates. "The Margol" received a certificate, thus rating it among the best high school papers of Illinois—"The Margol," Clinton High School, Clinton, Ill.

Reporters may search and dig and toil,

Till their finger tips are sore.

But some poor fish is sure to say,

I've heard that joke before.

"The Manual," Manual Training High School, Peoria, Ill.
"The Malden Outlook," Malden, Ill:

In your column entitled "Humor," we liked this one:

DIDDLE-DEE!

A divinity student named Tweedle,

One wouldn't accept his degree,

'Cause its tough enough being called Tweedle.

Without being Tweedle D. D."

SPORTS

MAROA WINS OVER BLUE MOUND IN OVERTIME GAME

Maroa's Blue and Gold clad basketeers rallied to win over Blue Mound in a close game played on the local gym floor. The score was tied at the end of the regular playing time 26 to 26, but in the overtime Maroa swished three baskets through the net to win out 32 to 27.

Coach Wolfe used the second team the first three quarters of the game. There was no high scorer among this five, but each man scored a field goal. The high point man of the evening was Austin, who made 8 points.

When Coach Wolfe sent in his first five, the Blue Mound team was leading 18 to 11, but the fast breaking offense of Maroa soon tied the score, and then won out in the overtime.

Coach Wolfe used nine men in the game and all of them scored. The men used are as follows: Ogden, Sterling, Crouch, Morris, Tozer, Austin, Himes, Wilson and Caplinger.

MAROA LOSES TO HAMMOND IN CONFERENCE GAME

Maroa's great comeback fell short, and they dropped a closely fought game to Hammond, 16 to 10. Hammond led the basketeers from Maroa from the second quarter on. At the half, Hammond was leading 6 to 5.

Maroa outfought and outplayed Hammond in the last quarter to tie the score, but with Wilson's being taken out of the game with one minute to play, the Hammond team came back and loped three field goals.

Captain Wilson led the locals on both offense and defense playing a great all around game. Legge was the best player that Hammond had. Austin and Himes played a good game, cageing field goals and breaking up passes, while Caplinger and Crouch played a great guarding game also.

The Maroa second team lost to Hammond seconds, 16 to 4, in a curtain raiser game.

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN ELECTED FOR 1932

Austin, our big full back on this years football team was unanimously elected football captain for the coming year of 1932 at a banquet given by our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Stein.

In response to applauding and cheering, Skinny arose and gave a speech, thanking those who voted for him. Skinny is taking over the throne that Bud Milnes has held for the last two years.

Skinny played guard when he was a Freshman, and last year he was converted into a fullback. Skinny also plays center on the basketball team.

FOOTBALL BOYS GIVEN BANQUET

The football boys, first and second teams, were given a banquet, Monday, Dec. 14, by Mr. and Mrs. George Stein. The menu consisted of chicken and everything that goes with it. It was reported that Rod Morris' stomach became twice its regular size.

Speeches were given by the Seniors, Mr. Keyes and Mr. Wolfe. Every one there was called on tell a joke. "Axel" Ogden, furnished most of the laughs, however, and how he could furnish!

The boys elected George R. Austin captain of next years football team.

The boys were certainly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Stein and tried to show their gratefulness in a small way by giving them each a season basketball ticket.

—Christmas vacation starts Dec. 23rd. We come back Jan. 3rd.

TWO FOOTBALL BOYS HONORED

Nelson Wilson and Bud Milnes, our big football captain, were chosen to represent Maroa on the all-Central-Illinois football teams.

Nelson received a berth as tackle on the second team, while Bud received honorable mention as a center. Both boys were the main cogs in the great machine which represented Maroa high school. Nelson played halfback on the high school team.

These boys were not only honored, but the whole school feels honored to have amongst us such fine young men.

BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS GIVES PROGRAM SCHOOL NIGHT

Coach Wolfe and his physical education class gave a demonstration to a large audience last Tuesday night, showing what the boys that are in his class are doing.

The boys played several games and did some calisthenics. Coach Wolfe told the parents the purpose of each exercise demonstrated. The program lasted about twenty minutes and was enjoyed heartily by everyone.

Alumni News

Several alumni visited their Alma Mater Tuesday evening, Dec. 8th, at the night school program which was conducted for the benefit of the parents and friends.

Miss Betty Lou Stoutenborough, '30, of the University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., is in the student hospital in Champaign.

John Ammann, '31, who is now attending Monmouth won his numerals in Freshman football.

James Waller, '31, spent Saturday night and Sunday, Dec. 13th, with his parents here. He had as his guest, Glen Walker, of Assumption, who is also attending the U of I.

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Tell me little snowdrop
 Why do you nestle there,
 On that lonely spot of earth,
 On that hill so bare.
 Are your thoughts as wholesome,
 As your color white?
 Are you God's messenger,
 Blossoming in the night?
 Tell me is your message
 One of strength and love,
 Brought to help us humans,
 From the world above?
 Just a note of feeling,
 That we're feeling fine,
 That we're coming through
 And at last we'll shine.—Mildred Finley, '32.

"FOOT BALL REVIEWS"

'Twas the day of the game, and all through the school
 Not a creature was stirring not even the "Coach."
 The letters had come and were all labled with care,
 In hopes the letter men would soon all be there.
 When up from the street there arose such a clatter,
 In hopes the letter men would soon all be there.
 When up from the street there arose such a clatter,
 I ran to the door to see what was the matter.
 A sweat covered "Chrysler" pranced up to the door
 'Captain Milnes," "Wilson" and "Varsity" came drifting ashore.
 They doffed their sombreros and cheered thereupon,
 Because here came their "Full-back," "Skinny Austin."
 I saw "Jim Wikoff" of the "Diamond I Ranch"
 Swing off of his mount with the aid of a branch.
 "Bob Long" pulled up short in his Easterly style
 So covered with dust it made us all smile.
 The clicking of spurs made us look down the street
 And we saw "Rod Morris" preparing to greet,
 The "Horse-Shoe Ranch" foreman our "Gentleman Tim,"
 So smilingly handsome beneath his hat's brim.
 We heard "Tom Bennett" and "Hair Trigger Oates"
 A mile up the pike, on their fleet footed colts.
 The horse "Tackle" which "Caplinger" had forked for the trip
 Threw a shoe when he chanced on our pavement to slip.
 With all of our players prepared for the fray,
 The second team drove up in a business-like way.
 The games were interesting all of the while,
 A full Foot-Ball season in true Foot-Ball style.—Geo. W. Stein Jr.

JUST A MINUTE

In acquiring sufficient material for the Literary division of our paper, I find that it is a very difficult task. I wish that all of you would call on your supply of cooperativeness when I ask you for material.—Literary Editor.

GIVE HIM CREDIT

M. C. H. S. is fortunate in having such a fine jenitor. Mr. Smith, more often called "Red," keeps our building spick and span and toils diligently morning, noon and night to always have it at the right temperature, to keep the floors clean, walks swept and a thousand and one other jobs that fall onto the janitor. He does his work faithfully, and cheerfully, so lets do our part in making his tasks lighter.

The faculty has chosen their play which is to be given soon for the benefit of the P. T. A. but the name of it has not yet been announced.

Gradiograms

Editor-In-Chief Maxine Smart
 Assistants Mary Louise Coulter and Philip Coen

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We are looking forward to our Christmas program this year with great anticipation, as we expect to have new curtains for the stage and new chairs in the auditorium.

The lower grades are working on the operetta, "The Toys that Had to Wait." Mrs. Santa plans to make all the little toys happy who are left behind in the toyshop. Also another exercise, "Christmas Eve in the Land of Nod."

In the upper grades they plan to present the play, "The Key to Happiness" in which a selfish little girl is brought to her senses just in time to give a poor newsboy and his family a Merry Christmas.

Christmas carols, pantomimes and drills are other features to be given at this time.

The Maroa Grades played their third game of basket ball this season, meeting Blue Mound on this floor. The boys are playing a better game now and they hope to be ready for a victory next week when they go to Argenta.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



A joke's the scarcest animal,
It's awful hard to see,
And just because it can't be found,
Don't blame it on to me.

George Austin—"There's the handkerchief you dropped last night, dear. I slept with it under my pillow and kissed it a thousand times."

Mary Kathryn—"That isn't my handkerchief. That's Fifi's sweater."

Mr. Menke—(In History class)—"Junior what paper do you prefer getting your current events from?"

Junior—"The funny paper."

DIED AT THE RED SEA

Axel—"You've traveled all over the world and went up the Rhine I suppose."

Stranger—"I've climbed it to the top."

Axel—"saw the Lion of St. Mark?"

Stranger—"Fed it."

Axel—"And visited the Black Sea?"

Stranger—"Filled my fountain pen there."

Richard Bales—"What time does the next train come in?"

Elderly Man (with whiskers)—"Why, you little rascal, I've told you five times 4:44."

Richard—I know it but I like to see your whiskers wobble when you say 4:44.

Helen Kathryn—"I'm sorry my hen got loose and scratched up your garden."

Mr. Menke—"Oh, that's all right. My dog ate your hen."

Helen Kathryn—"Fine I just run over your dog and killed him."

Curtis Morgan—"Bothered much by hitchhikers, when you are driving to school?"

George Stein—"I'm not now. I've tried a new way; just as soon as I leave home I show the name "taxi" on my car."

Teacher (conversing with parent)—Say, what makes your daughter so talkative?"

Interested Father—"I don't know, but I think that her and her mother were both vaccinated with the phonograph needle."

MR. MENKE'S DREAM

Mr. Menke had a very exciting dream. He dreamt that we were all going to move M. C. H. S. to a higher level. We placed the old school on some wheels and we were going to move it to the top of the hill. The faculty was going to be in front and pull, and also guide the structure, and the students were to get behind and push. Every day they progressed further and further up the hill. Finally one day when we were almost to the top, the faculty turned around, and much to their surprise found out all the student body had jumped in to ride.

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