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Editorials

SPIT

Why is there a ban on spitting? Is it because "spit is a horrid word," or because promiscuous expectoration is a filthy habit? Medical science tells us that spitting is one of the best ways to spread disease germs. Whether one believes this or not is left to one's own reasoning; but members of most families do not generally promenade into the front room and spit on the best rugs.

Yet in the gymnasium of the high school this objectionable thing occurs. At practice time various members of the basketball squad heave away at the walls, seats, and floors with a carelessness that strews sputum in all directions. This spit seemingly disappears by the next day through the phenomena of evaporation, but yet the atmosphere is contaminated with a depressing stagnatism. It isn't hard to see that such conditions make the gym an unhealthy place to conduct the grade's physical education. If some benevolent individual would contribute cuspidors—boxes filled with sawdust—or offer another plan of procedure, it might be slightly considered in the prevention of

this age old custom when we transfer operations to the new building.

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old alma mater? Then do they deserve to control a business which could be carried on by our local or neighboring firms? Should they be left to cause ill feeling between jeweler and school, in a district which means nothing to them? It's a thing to think about. Patronize those who are more directly connected with you and your interests.

THE COUNTY MUSIC CONTEST

This feature of the Macon County Literary and Track meet is to be held on the night preceeding the athletic and speaking events. It might seem that this is an appropriate time; but, can any athlete, who stays up till one o'clock at night, expect to be in prime condition to represent his school on the following day? Can a person entered in the declamation, dull their brain with late hours and then be mentally alert in the presentation of his reading. Any student entered in all three divisions gets home Thursday night between twelve o'clock and bedtime, eventually goes to sleep, arises before sun-up the next morning to make the long journey to Blue Mound in time for the literary, and then dashes madly into the track meet in the afternoon with the boundless pep of a whipped dog. Why not hold the music contest on Friday night, thus finishing up everything in one day?

What the Classes are Doing

PLANE GEOMETRY

The Geometry classes have been studying the circle and its inequalities.

ANCIENT HISTORY

The class is studying about the German invasion of Rome and also time is taken to discuss current events.

AGRICULTURE

The class is now studying the values of alfalfa and other legumes on the farm.

MODERN HISTORY

The Modern History class is now studying about the Industrial Revolution and the beginning of socialism.

FRENCH I

Bon jour! The French class is now studying "La Serie du Chapeau Perdu," or, in English, "The Story of the Lost Hat."

ENGLISH IV

The class is now studying Dickens, "Tale of Two Cities," a story based on the French Revolutions.

SOLID GEOMETRY

The Solid Geometry class is taking up the relationship of planes with dihedral angles.

CIVICS

The organization of Congress and the powers of the executive department are being discussed in the Civics class.

LATIN I

The pupils of the Latin I class are studying participles and third declension nouns.

BIOLOGY

We have just finished studying about different animals and the structure of their bodies. The next unit is the structure and life functions of the human body.

AMERICAN HISTORY

The American History class is engaged in the study of the Civil War, Lincoln, and the northern and southern military leaders.

ENGLISH II

The English II class is studying Scott's "Ivanhoe," which deals with the period when Richard was held captive from England.

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LINCOLN AND SLAVERY

Lincoln's name has many times been connected with the subject of slavery, and we can imagine him as a small boy hearing some of his elders denouncing slavery. As a youth he detested the cruelty of slavery.

Lincoln began life in Illinois about 1830, and the family chose a site on the Sangamon River and established a home. There they spent a dreary and desolate winter. The next spring 'Abe' with his stepbrother and cousin took a flat-boat to New Orleans. 'Abe' went about seeing the sights of the city and the thing which impressed him most, and which he never forgot,

was a negro slave auction. He saw a young woman, about nineteen years of age, who was being sold and he, being very sorry for her, was heard to say, "If I ever get a chance to hit this thing, I'll hit it hard!" 'Abe' soon left New Orleans but the selling of slaves continued.

The next time we find Lincoln in the role of slavery is in the debates with Douglas. Under the leadership of Stephen A. Douglas the Missouri Compromise was repealed and the north saw with horror, that slavery would soon threaten freedom throughout the whole country. Douglas made a series of speeches but when he came to Springfield, he was met by the tall, gaunt Lincoln, whose solemn duty was to be the champion of Freedom. Lincoln, who was opposed to slavery, did not think it possible to free all the slaves at once, but he simply said that slavery was wrong. He also said that it must not be allowed in the new territory and as soon and as justly as possible, the country must get rid of it entirely. Douglas defeated Lincoln for the election as senator, but in a debate Lincoln forced Douglas to take a stand on slavery, and in answering to please the people of Illinois Douglas won the senatorship but lost his chance to be president.

In 1860 Lincoln was nominated for president and won the election. Soon after his inauguration Lincoln was called upon to help Fort Sumter in the South which contained starving American soldiers. The South had seceded from the Union and they fired the first shot on the Fort which Lincoln answered by issuing a call to arms. Then followed the great Civil War, which was a fight concerning the question whether the country should be free or slave. With Lincoln as president, and his choice of able officers in the army, the Civil War ended with the North victorious in freedom, and an amendment freeing all the slaves. Then later the South came into the Union again.

Lincoln was re-elected president and he "gave thanks to the Almighty for the people's resolution to stand by free government and the rights of humanity."—Racheal Bowden, '31.

DIARY OF FATHER TIME FOR FEBRUARY

February 1—Victor Herbert, the American musician was born this day, the writer of such beautiful and famous songs as "Oh! Sweet Mystery of Life," "Kiss Me Again," and others. A wonderful musician!

February 4—On this day, in 1861, the first Confederate Congress was held. Also, forty-one years later, in 1902, Charles Lindberg, the first man to fly across the Atlantic was born. A very modest and unassuming boy, but truly a great aviator.

February 7—This is the birthday of the immortal Charles Dickens, whose writings are read everywhere although they are nearly a century old. Dickens wrote such books as "David Copperfield," "Old Curiosity Shop," and "The Tale of Two Cities."

February 11—The inventor of electric lights and the phonograph was born this day. Thomas Edison, although rather old and partially deaf, still spends the greater part of his days in his laboratory working on new inventions.

February 12—A great day! The great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, was born this day in 1809. This railsplitter, statesman, later President, is considered by some people the most eminent of any of our Presidents and others place him second to Washington. First or second, the fact remains that he was undoubtedly the greatest, noblest and best man of the whole wonderful nineteenth century.

February 14—Valentine's Day. I see little red hearts in the air, some very simple, others more elaborate, all with some sentimental little love verse on them. The day for lovers and would-be lovers.

February 18—This is Ash Wednesday, the last Wednesday before Lent.

February 19—Adelina Patti, the opera singer, was born this day. A wonderful woman, possessing a wonderful voice.

February 22—February is truly a month of great men. The Father of Our Country, Washington, was also born in this month in 1732. His "deeds, not words," and his acts, "for God and his country," merited him the everlasting verdict, "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

February 27—This is the birthday of another great American, great perhaps in a different way. The poet, traveler, teacher, Henry W. Longfellow, was born on February 27, 1807. Longfellow is perhaps the best-loved American poet. He wrote such beautiful and everlasting poems as "Evangeline," "Hiawatha," "Tales of a Wayside Inn," "Village Blacksmith," "The Children's Hour," and many, many others.—M. K. Ammann, '32.

Skipper Sez

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

When are you going to get into the new building? When will the new building be ready?

The above questions or similar ones are coming to me in ever increasing numbers right now. It seems to be a topic of general interest. This is as it should be. What is about to happen should be a great source of pride to every citizen of Maroa who believes in progress. The progress of a people is directly commensurate with the interest in things educational.

Many of us, who have rather consistently followed our basketball teams this season into the other communities of this section, and, who here have noted the generally fine and adequate high school plants, have become more appreciative than ever of the sacrifice and effort made by the people of Maroa community. Deep within ourselves was the pleasant conviction that soon we too would be in a position to present to our neighboring friends a fine new high school.

This dream, we are now about to realize. We have a fine building. In architectural design it is plain and attractive, and in keeping with the best idea in school construction. The materials of construction are of the best in point of economy and servibility. The interior arrangement throughout is designed to carry out to the maximum degree these three principals, namely, economy of space, the health of the pupil, and sanitation. In other words, this new building is as near a standard as possible, in construction, in respect to this community's ability to pay, and in respect to the use for which it is intended. Those who have planned it, therefore, are deserving of our appreciation.

It certainly will be a great day for us when we move into this new building. You, who have been through the building lately, have admired the newness and cleanness of everything. It greatly pleased me to overhear this remark from one of you; 'if we will only keep it this way.' I am sure we can keep it this way a long time if we all try. Let's do it.

Prin. E. H. Menke attended the N. E. A. convention in Detroit Feb. 23-25. Rev. W. C. Chapman substituted during the absence.

The basketball team went to Lincoln Feb. 24 for a practice game.

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The Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION:

What parts of the Blue and Gold do you read? What changes in the make-up would you suggest?

ANSWERS:

"Too much athletics. At least not necessary to give line-ups of games other than most recent.

"Print articles when turned in. There should be no hold overs.

"If it is possible there should be more readable material as compared to advertisements."—Mr. Norton.

"I enjoy reading all of it, but I believe that my preference is the "inquiring reporter," column. I like to read the various students opinion, but Mr. Inquiring Reporter, it really takes an awful lot of time to figure out who wrote each one.

—Miss Garrison

"I read and enjoy all parts of the "Blue and Gold." It seems to me that we might include a column, to which members of the alumni would contribute."—Helen Berry, '32.

"I like "What the Skipper Says," and as a suggestion you might also have some articles written by one other member of the faculty, taking a different one each month. Maybe they have some hidden talents which they have not yet made known to M. C. H. S."—Gertrude Hastings, '32.

"I read mostly about the athletics and the progress of the classes. If you would have more themes and articles about what the classes are doing I think parents and outsiders would read the "Blue and Gold" more. They like to know what we are doing at school."—Maxine Westerman, '34.

"I read about the athletics and about the work of different classes.

I do think more about the working ability of different classes would help."—Helen Wikoff, '34.

"I enjoy the joke section very much. As a suggestion for change, I think it would be interesting for the editor of "Gradiograms" to publish a section of jokes."—Evelyn Dash, '33.

"I think it would improve the paper if it touched more and oftener upon the real school situations as they happen in class and in the other school activities. High school youngsters, same as grown-ups, like to see their names in the paper.

"A more complete calendar of events would improve the paper.

"I think each issue should leave something unique and different that is strictly local and peculiar to this school.

"The athletic write-ups would be improved if more color were used in describing the games. Mere chronological accounts are quite dry in themselves."—E. H. Menke.

"My favorite part begins with the first line and ends after the last line. I can say that it improves somewhat each time."—Doris Carney, '34.

"Several of the issues have been filled mostly with sport news. Of course we like to read of the victories of our team and such as that, but sports are not the only thing in school. I remember one issue was made more interesting (to me at least) by telling what the different classes were doing.

—Helen Spooner, '32

"It is interesting to learn different classmate's opinions of common, everyday subjects. It is quite surprising—the attitudes and thoughts that some of the people take on the subjects handed to them.

The Inquiring Reporter stands out, in my estimation, above the rest, because of its various and diversified questions and its unusual and surprising answers."—Mary K. Ammann, '32.

"I enjoy the Blue and Gold to a great extent. It is a very interesting paper for alumni. It keeps us in communication with the activities of our Alma Mater."—Ruth Harriet Jones, '30.

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"The Pinion"—McKinley High School, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The P. T. A. were in charge of one edition of the "Pinion." On the front page, invitations in many languages were written to the parents notifying them of coming meetings.

"The Clipper"—Monmouth, Ill.

The Junior class is to present the play, "Square Crooks." The pictures of those taking the leading roles were printed in the last issue of the paper.

"The Tomahawk"—Sioux City, Iowa.

The Sioux City High School pays due respect to their former superintendent of schools, M. G. Clark, deceased.

"Manual"—Peoria, Ill.

Manual High is out after the state championship this year. So are the rest of us.

Local Items

IN HONOR OF LINCOLN

The History class, under the direction of Mr. Keyes, sent a committee to Decatur to see the picture, "Abraham Lincoln." The following morning, Feb. 12, those who saw the show gave reports based on the interesting parts, as an assembly program. Helen K. Stoutenborough spoke on "Lincoln's Parentage," Rachael Bowden, "Lincoln's Boyhood;" Mary K. Ammann, "Lincoln's Education;" Tim Crouch, "Interesting Events in Lincoln's Life;" J. Ammann, "Lincoln's Favorite Stories;" W. Chapman, "Lincoln in the President's Chair;" Helen Lyman favored the student body with the reading, "Lincoln Walks at Midnight."

Mr. Keyes gave an introductory speech on Marsh's writings in the daily papers criticising Lincoln. In his opinion, authors who are putting out such stuff are vainly striving to reach fame by digging up all the dirt possible about our famous president. "Battle Hymn of the Republic," Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," and other songs of war days added to the spirit of the occasion.

SOCIALISM PRO AND CON

The question for debate in the Modern History class was, resolved: That Socialism is the best type of economic government.

The speakers on the affirmative side were: Wallace Hogue, Robert Vorce and Warner Smart.

Their opponents were: Lyle Tozer, Mildred Pinney, and Robert Long.

The affirmatives contended that there would be an equality of all classes, that Socialism would eliminate dangerous private monopolies, and that citizens would be contented.

The speakers for the negative argued that it would be an impossibility to find good leaders, that individual initiative would be dead under Socialism, and that the homes would be broken up by the long hours.

Curtis Morgan and Bruce Atkins, both formerly attending Kenney High School, are new members of the Sophomore class here. M. C. H. S. welcomes them.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In a general assembly, held Jan. 19, it was revealed that a member of the basket ball squad could not practice or play in a game if he was absent on the preceding afternoon. Mr. Keyes explained the activities of the Athletic Council, stating that they had the power to suspend any member of the team if they found him violating any of the training rules.

Wallace Turner, a prominent radio bug, is now a licensed amateur radio operator. His call number is W9GDI.

Kathleen Sumpter, a former member of the Freshman class, has transferred her membership to the Heyworth High School.

The American History and Civics classes have begun plans for their annual joint trip to Springfield and Old Salem.

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BASKETBALL



MAROA MEETS DECATUR IN DISTRICT

According to the drawings announced Feb. 15, Maroa will tangle with the Decatur Reds in the second game of the district tourney. Both teams are composed of big men, and both are out to win. However the outcome may be better ascertained after the final whistle blows Wednesday night, March 4th.

MAROA CAGERS CRUSH ST. TERESA 41-21

Rolling up 24 points in the last period of the game, Maroa High's basketekers, led by "Joe" Hilt ironed out St. Teresa 41-21. However the "Saints" slopped 11 points for themselves during the same frame, making the total number of points scored in eight minutes, 35. Hilt collected 6 field goals and snared seven out of ten free throws for 19 points. Waller sank 11 points while the rest of the regulars and three subs snapped from one to six points apiece. Hoskinson led Teresa's attack.

MAROA HIGH NOSES OUT ARGENTA 26-21

Although Argenta had won two games to Maroa's one, the locals evened up the count by beating Jimmy Cagle's tossers Feb. 13. Hilt lead the hoop attack for the locals with 12 points. Waller scored six points, Wilson five, Chapman two and Ammann two. The score was tied 17 up at the beginning of the final quarter, but Chapman's basket soon paved the way for a rally which spelled victory for the Blue and Gold. It seems to be an old "Spanish Custom" for Maroa and Argenta to start the last frame with the conventional tie. Garret, Craig and Black were responsible for Argenta's counters.

HILT LEADS ATTACK AS MAROA SWAMPS KENNEY 53-18

With Floyd Hilt sinking a multitude of easy pot shots, Maroa's quint swept Kenney off their feet with a 53-18 victory Jan. 30. Joe got 20 points while Wilson followed with 10. Amman got 8, Waller 7, Himes and Chapman 4. "Shorty" Monts was high scorer for Kenney with ten counts to his credit.

In the preliminary game the Maroa Seconds won 13-7. "Curt" Morgan left Kenney High on Jan. 23, to enter M. C. H. S., and one week after the transfer he returned to help defeat the team that he had played with for most of the season.

MAROA 16; NIAN TIC 7

Helped on by a last quarter scoring spurt Maroa won from Niantic, on the local floor, Jan. 31. Hilt again scored his usual basket or two in advancing the locals tally 10 points. Two of his counters were swished by shooting around the many

square angles of the court. Himes and Ammann also contributed, while Stewart stood out for the visitors. The scoring was light due to the fact that Niantic chose to hold the ball. Maroa Seconds defeated the Niantic Subs for a 12-7 count.

MAROA (16)	G	F	NIAN TIC (7)	G	F
Waller, f	1	0	Stuhl, f	0	0
Wilson, f	0	0	Rotz, f	1	0
Himes, f	1	0	Stewart, c	1	1
Hilt, c	4	2	Cowgill, g	1	0
Ammann, g	1	0	Zienkosky, g	0	0
Chapman, g	0	0	Bailey, g	0	0
Totals	7	2	Total	3	1

Referee: Hodgson (Lincoln).

MAROA CAGERS TRIM WARRENSBURG 16-10

Coach Mitchell's basketekers from Warrensburg met defeat on the local floor Feb. 3rd. The "Burghers" found difficulty in penetrating Maroa's defense and so resorted to the old stall game to try to lure the Blue and Gold team into loosening up. Hilt's ability to connect with the hoop and various additions by Himes, Waller and Ammann greatly aided the local's cause. The Maroa "Scrubs" came back strong in the last frame to whip the Warrensburg Seconds 12-8. Following the game, Coach Mitchell boasted that his team would drub Maroa when they invaded Warrensburg territory.

MAROA TAMES NIAN TIC FOR SECOND TIME 24-15

After a close first half which ended 7-6 in favor of Coach Wolfe's basket snipers, the boys came back in the last division to run up a 24-15 victory over a constantly fighting Niantic aggregation. "Joe" sank field-goals and free throws to net him 12 points. Captain "Zeke" Waller collected six, Wilson four and Ammann two.

After a double overtime of torrid action, the Niantic Seconds succumbed to the local seconds 25-20. "Chauncey" Purdue and "Jim" Sterling led the Second's attack.

WILSON HEADS HOOP DRIVE AS MAROANS AGAIN TRAMPLE KENNEY

"Gov" Wilson added 22 points to his credit as Maroa ran over Kenney in a return game. Maroa experienced a scoring

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orgy in the first half to lead 29-3. Then retaliating from Kenney's out-scoring them in the third period, they launched another net attack in the fourth quarter to win 46-12. Suffering from boils on his neck, Hilt was forced to warm the bench during the entire game.

MAROA (46)			KENNEY (12)		
	G	F		G	F
Wilson, f	11	0	Monts, f	3	1
Himes, f	2	1	Fort, f	0	0
Purdue, f	0	0	Sheperd, c	1	0
Waller, c	5	0	Mills, c	0	0
Crouch, c	0	0	Brady, g	0	3
Ammann, g	2	1	Halleck, g	0	0
Chapman, g	2	0	Emerick, g	0	0
Totals	22	2	Totals	4	4

MAROA HIGH TAKES THIRD STRAIGHT FROM ARGENTA 24-19

Breaking a 19-19 fourth quarter tie, the Maroa High cagemen registered their third consecutive victory over the Argenta quintet. The fact that the game was played on Friday the 13th, didn't seem to hamper the locals in their eighth straight victory. A young man by the name of Garrett gave the locals considerable trouble in finding him for he was here, there and everywhere. However there was another lad, called Ammann, whose accuracy in sinking charity tosses kept Maroa slightly in the lead whenever cornered. "Doc" was also high point man, chalking up nine. Hilt was next with seven, Wilson scored four, Waller two and Chapman two on a basket from center.

Maroa Seconds, led by Jim Sterling and "Virg" Purdue, won from the Cagle Seconds, 18-11. Tom McQuillan, Argenta back guard, tossed in a field goal for Maroa, which goes to the captain's credit.

WARRENSBURG CLEANS HOUSE WITH MAROA

To the tune of Coach Mitchell's opera, "Our Boys Will Shine Tonight," the Warrensburg basket ball team took the leading role to down Maroa 23-13. The hosts, at top form, played a fast driving game that netted them a victory. Baker, Buckley and James led their long-shoot drive on the basket. Hilt was high for Maroa with 7 points.

Maroa Seconds lost their game 12-10, after a valiant last period rally. Throughout the entire evening and up until the benediction the theme song was played at regular intervals by the Warrensburg Symphony orchestra.

After the game all players of both teams gathered around the festive board and partook of Valentine ice cream and wafers prepared by the Home Economic class. Such is a fine custom.

WARRBURG (22)			MAROA (13)		
	G	F		G	F
Baker, f	4	1	Wilson, f	1	2
Buckley, f	2	0	Himes, f	0	0
Winters, c	1	1	Waller, f	0	0
James, g	0	4	Hilt, c	2	3
Vaughn, g	1	0	Ammann, g	1	0
			Chapman, g	0	0
Totals	8	6	Total	4	5

Referee: Cantwell.

MAROA SNOWS MT. ZION UNDER A 35-15 SCORE

Both teams started slow and the score stood nothing up until the middle of the first quarter when Hilt made a charity and a pot shot. Maroa held the Zionites 7-0 near the end of the first period when the visitors came back with six points. The half ended 13-7 in favor of the locals. However Maroa broke loose in the last two periods and won on a 35-15 count. Morris

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at guard, performed best for the Blue and Gold henchmen, while Heiserman starred for Mt. Zion.

The Maroa Seconds defeated the Mt. Zion Seconds 9-5 in a close battle. "Jim" Sterling scored all of his team's points on four baskets and a foul.

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MAROA GRADE NEWS

GRADES WIN PRIZES AT FARMERS INSTITUTE

Prize awards for rural and village school exhibits in the Decatur Farmers' Institute were announced Wednesday, Feb. 18, by Mrs. Cora B. Ryman.

The second grade, under the direction of Miss Lyons, won second prize on a Mother Goose booklet. The third grade was awarded second prize on a sand table project depicting scenes from the story of Robinson Crusoe. Miss Query is the instructor. The sixth grade history project, supervised by Miss Frederick received second award. The seventh grade, taught by Miss McClintock, won first prize on product maps, while Miss Bane and Miss Mikesell had charge of the group who received first prize, received second award. The seventh grade, taught by third prize for a character study notebook.

The Maroa grade school was awarded second prize for the general exhibit. Since this is the first year that grade pupils have ever participated in the exhibit, they were new at the business, but hope to do better next year.

School was dismissed Friday to give students and teachers the opportunity to attend the exhibits and lectures in the Masonic Temple

TEACHERS' READING CIRCLE

The Maroa grade teachers and Miss Roseman have been studying the books, "The Teacher Outside the School," by Marsh and "Materials and Methods in the Middle Grades," by Henderson.

Four meetings have been held and the above books read and reported on. The next regular meeting will be Feb. 24. At this time the topic, "Mental and Physical Development of the Child," and "Teacher's Personality" will be discussed.

SIXTH GRADE

The sixth grade pupils are, for the month of February, placing hearts on calendars for every perfect spelling lesson. The one having the most hearts on his calendar wins the contest.

MAROA FOURTH IN MACON COUNTY GRADE TOURNEY

In a fast and furious game Maroa lost to Macon 9-6 in the semi-finals of the Macon County Grade tournament Feb. 20-21.

The boys also lost the consolation round to Blue Mound by a 21-11 count. Throughout the entire session the locals exhibited a nice brand of basket ball. In their first game they defeated Forsyth by a score of 21-3.

In the track meet sponsored by the Farmer's Institute in Decatur, Ruth Austin placed second in class A, Mary June Cramer third in class B, and Eva Goin, a former member of the eighth grade, won second in the B division. Mt. Zion carried off first honors in the entire meet.

John Ward—"Gee, I'm in an awful fix."

Don Cade—"How's that?"

John—"Well, I spelt professor with two f's and I don't know which one to cross out."

GRADE SCHOOL P. T. A.

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| Mary K. Ammann, 96.25 | Doris Carney, 95 |
| Racheal Bowden, 96.25 | Wallace Turner, 95 |
| Wilbur Chapman, 96.25 | Clarence Mayall 94.80 |
| Doris Pride, 96 | Helen Glosser, 94.75 |
| Helen K. Stoutenborough, 96 | Mildred Pinney, 94.25 |
| Gertrude Hastings, 95.75 | Rosemary Cox, 94 |
| Helen Berry, 95.75 | Charles Carney, 93.75 |
| Montizelle Braden, 95.25 | James Waller, 93.25 |
| Helen Spooner, 95.25 | Robert Milnes, 93 |
| Maxine Stivers, 95 | Evelyn Dash, 91.75 |

SECUNDA

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| Miram Vande Vanter, 94.50 | Kathryn Thomas, 90.25 |
| Bertha Rogers, 92.75 | Stella Camp, 90 |
| Mary Pennypacker, 91.25 | Marybelle Tozer, 90 |
| Catherine Berry, 90.50 | Maxine Westerman, 90 |

Local Items

PHYSICS CLASS PROGRAM

The Physics class took their turn in presenting an instructive program on Feb. 4. Wilbur Chapman read his twenty minute term paper on "Luminiferous Ether." This was followed by five experiments demonstrating the work taken up in class. James Waller and Wallace Turner performed an experiment to illustrate atmospheric pressure; Racheal Bowden and Edith Shoemaker demonstrated the intensity of sound, using Savart's wheel; Ruth Lyons and Floyd Hilt showed how to measure the vibrations of a tuning fork; Helen Wheeler and John Ammann illustrated the positions of magnetic lines of force in a magnet; Wilbur Chapman and Leland Camp performed an experiment to show the expansion of gases.

Following this prelim several class personels presented a number of farcial acts related to early science. Racheal Bowden as Queen Elizabeth, Wallace Turner as Harvey, Robert Vorce as Calvin and John Ammann as the executioner acted out the dramatic scenes involved when Elizabeth ordered Dr. Harvey's head cut off after he had informed her that her blood circulated.

Another short sketch was given by Wilbur Chapman, as Archimedes, and Fred Sterling, as the servant, depicting how the aged scientist discovered his principle in his bath when he noticed that the more of his body that was immersed the higher the water in the tub.

Last but not least came Professor Jilopy in an act of legermain, changing anyone from their present state to what ever they wanted to be. Through his genius Edith Shoemaker was made into a great pianist (Rosemary Cox); Ruth Lyons a great opera singer (Cleo Shoemaker); Leonard Braden into a strong man (Nelson Wilson); Robert Vorce into a barefoot boy with shoes on (Doyle Thomas); Tim Crouch became Clara Bow (Helen Wheeler); Montizelle Braden an athletic girl (H. K. Stoutenborough). However, when Miram VandeVenter wished to be changed into a boy, the magical machine blew up, sending a volley of girl's gym clothes into the air.

Mr. Menke announced that the class pictures would be removed into the new building.

The plans for the commencement exercises are well underway.



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FOOTBALL LETTERS AWARDED

At the above mentioned assembly program which lasted for two hours and a quarter, football letters were presented to John Ammann, Wilbur Chapman, James Waller, Floyd Hilt, Fred Sterling, Capt. Bud Milnes, Tim Crouch, Nelson Himes, Robert Long, Rod Morris, Bill Oates, Bob Stoutenborough and James Sterling.

FUTURE FARMERS CLUB ATTEND INSTITUTE

Wednesday morning, Feb. 18th, the members of the Future Farmer's club went to Decatur to attend the part of the Institute sponsored by the F. F. A. The program, in the Masonic Temple and for high school boys, was of an educational nature. One speech on "The Machine Age" pointed out the advantages of machinery in lessening farm work and in allowing the farmer to engage in agriculture on a larger scale.

—B. M., '32

AG BOYS DISCUSS FUTURE WIVES

The Agriculture class had charge of the assembly program Feb. 19th. They debated on the question, resolved: "That a country girl makes a more suitable wife than a city girl." The affirmative team were composed of Clarence Mayall, Dean McIlvenna, Willard Lowry and Ralph Mayall. The negative of Bud Milnes, Darrel Dash, Tim Crouch and Twain Fort. The arguments of the affirmative were that the country girl would be more home loving, economic, appreciative of her hard earned education, and make her home more beautiful in comparison to the advantages which she had. The negative speakers maintained that the city girl would be better educated, more satisfied with farm life after having experienced city hardships, and would co-operate more with her husband. The judging committee composed of Miss Kane, Mr. Keyes and Mr. Wolfe, awarded first honors to the negative only on their advantage of having more experienced speakers.

Elwood Cooper next told how he won sixth place out of fifty six entrants in corn judging at Nokomis. Doyle Thomas related his hair raising adventures in capturing eighth place individual, and the corn team composed of John Meador, Doyle Thomas, Elwood Cooper and Dean McIlvenna presented their fifth place ribbon to the school. James Parker successfully performed the duties of master of ceremonies.

DOWN WITH MUSSOLINI

"Is Mussolini a benefit to his country as well as to the World?" This question, when recently brought up in the Modern History class, called for a debate. Clarence Mayall, Donald Hayden, and Bertha Rogers spoke for the affirmative while Tim Crouch, Helen Spooner and Robert Milnes championed the negative cause with the arguments that the Dictator deprived the universities of freedom of thought, had no possible successor who could control Italy with an iron hand, and suppressed freedom of speech and of the press. The affirmative presented the facts that Mussolini had benefited education, improved agricultural conditions, and eliminated criminals by sending them all to America. The negatives were adjudged victors.—H. S., '32.

AG BOYS PLACE IN NOKOMIS MEET

Fourteen boys from the agriculture class went to Nokomis Tuesday, Feb. 10, to represent Maroa high school in the corn and poultry judging contest. Practice judging had been in progress for the previous week and the six boys who had the highest score in poultry, the four highest in corn, and the four highest in small grain and weed seed identification were allowed to go.

Due to automobile trouble five of the judges did not get to Nokomis until eleven o'clock. The rest arrived nearly three hours earlier. Since the corn judging began about nine o'clock,



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it was necessary to have two poultry judges fulfill the places of the two corn judges. Thus, when the other two boys who were to have judged corn arrived they were placed with their three companions in the poultry division. This undoubtedly weakened both teams.

Maroa received the ribbon for fifth in corn judging while Elwood Cooper won sixth place individually and Doyle Thomas placed eighth. James Parker won the ninth place ribbon as an individual judge and Maroa's team placed seventh in poultry judging. Fourteen schools were represented in the contest.

—C. M., '32

THE THOUGHTS OF A BASKET BALL PLAYER

When a fellow's out on the floor before a tough basket ball game, the first thing that comes to his mind is "how am I feeling?" If he makes his shot he feels fine but if he misses he feels otherwise until he does hit. His next thought is "how is Joe's neck or Gov's ankle?" After seeing Joe turn and look for somebody and Gov grab a high pass, landing with all his weight on the bum joint he realizes they are o. k.

"Say! I wonder if Garrett is playing for them tonight. Yep! There he is! Boy! That was a good shot Black made. We'll have to watch him or it'll be too bad. What's that causing Craig to limp. That's not so noticeable but its bound to slow him up." All these thoughts enter the player's mind when he sizes up his opponents. His mind next turns from the players to the style of game the opponents play.

After the fellows have removed their sweat suits and are all ready to he starts thinking about the team's spirit. Upon seeing that serious look on Gov's face, the rubbing together of Chapman's hands, Waller's nervous twitching, Joe's old man smile and Doc's clenched fist, he knows that the old determined "do or die" spirit is in the mind of his fellow players.—J. A., '31.

Alumni

Ruth Harriett Jones, Hannah Westbrook and Mildred Thomas, all members of class of '30, have visited us during the past months.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Margenthaler are the parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 31st, 1930. Mr. Margenthaler was a member of the class of '28. Mrs. Margenthaler, formerly Pearl Whitted, was a member of the class of '29.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schroeder Jan. 22, 1931. He has been named Donald Theodore Schroeder Jr. Mr. Schroeder was a member of the class of '25.

Lois Schroeder, member of the class of '29, recently returned from Chicago.

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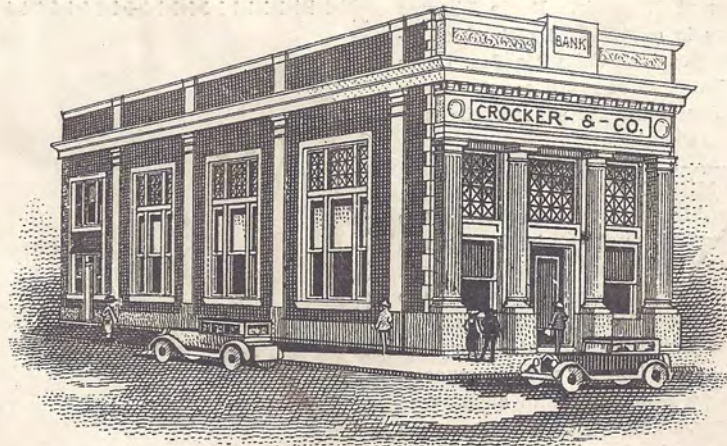
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