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Maroa Cops 1931 Macon County Basketball Title



THE CHAMPS

Left to right—Coach Wolfe, Purdue, Crouch, Himes, Ammann, Chapman, Captain Waller, Wilson, Hilt.

Warrensburg 17, Maroa 20

In Championship Encounter

After taking second and fourth in the Argenta and Warrensburg invitationals, Coach Wolfe's Blue and Gold basketeers from Maroa High won the 1931 Macon county basketball title by defeating Warrensburg 20-17.

The championship tilt was a neck and neck affair throughout. Wilson's free toss started Maroa off on the right foot, but Warrensburg came back with three points to make it 3-1. Wilson slipped in a fielder from near the foul circle which Hilt followed with another, putting Maroa ahead. Then Warrensburg counted a free throw as the first quarter ended.

To open the second period, Brown made 5 points; Waller of Maroa tossed in another fielder; and then Buckley and Brown boosted their own score to a 12-7 lead on a basket and foul. Wilson added a couple free throws and Brown one as the half drew to a close with a score of 13-9 on Warrensburg's side of the ledger.

At the start of the third quarter, Buckley swished the net to make it 15-9. Waller made two fielders and Wilson one to tie

the score 15-15, as the third frame collapsed. After about five and one half minutes had passed in the final period, Brown scored from center. It looked bad for the locals. But as the "Burgers" attempted to stall, Maroa broke it up and when Hilt was in the act of shooting, Winters hacked him. "Joe" made the first toss but missed the second. Then, from somewhere out of a pile of players, Waller picked up the ball and scored. On the next tip off play, a basket by Wilson cinched the victory.

Box score of championship game:

MAROA (20)	fg	ft	WAR'SBURG (17)	fg	ft
Waller, f	4	0	Baker, f	1	0
Wilson, f	3	3	Buckley, f	2	1
Hilt, c	1	1	Brown, c	3	4
Chapman, g	0	0	Winters, g	0	0
Ammann, g	0	0	James, g	0	0
Totals	8	4	Totals	6	5

Score by periods:

Maroa	5	9	15	20
Warrensburg	4	13	15	17

Referees: Schultz (Illinois); Beem (Sparks).

PRELIMINARY TOURNEY GAMES

MAROA, 20; MT. ZION, 16

On Friday night, Jan. 9, Maroa met stiff opposition from Mt. Zion and won only by protecting a slight lead built up in the last half. In the first two periods of the game, both teams fell back on defensive and the score at the end of the first half was 1-1.

MAROA, 16; ARGENTA, 14

In the semi-finals, Maroa met Argenta and nosed them out on Hilt's one-handed basket in the last 23 seconds. Maroa's scoring was done mostly in the second and fourth periods.

Black's basket from near center opened the scoring which continued sparingly until the end of the first half. Maroa lead 10-6 at the opening of the third quarter, but Argenta rallied and forged ahead until the last four minutes of the game, when Wilson's free toss put the score at a 14-14 tie. Just when everyone was expecting an overtime game, with only 23 seconds to go, "Gov" saw "Joe" open, tossed the ball to him, and with his lengthy arms "Joe" flipped the ball through the hoop.

MAROA SECOND IN ARGENTA INVITATIONAL

Playing before a capacity crowd, Maroa and Argenta staged a battle of battles in the championship tilt of the tournament, Dec. 19th. The game for the title was a nip and tuck affair for the entire route with Argenta trailing most of the way. The winning scores did not come until the last minute of play and the neck and neck scoring brought a continuous uproar from the stands. The locals displayed the "old fight," losing only by a 17-14 count.

The line-up:

ARGENTA (17)	G	F	MAROA (14)	G	F
Craig, f	2	3	Amman, f	1	1
Garrett, f	0	0	Wilson, f	1	0
Higgins, f	0	1	Hilt, c	2	2
Black, c	4	1	Waller, g	1	1
Heinz, g	0	0	Chapman, g	0	0
McQuillan, g	0	0			
Totals	6	5	Totals	5	4

WARRENSBURG AND WAYNESVILLE, VICTIMS IN PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Maroa defeated Warrensburg in a tight defensive battle Thursday evening, Dec. 18. Warrensburg uses a short passing attack to work the ball into scoring territory.

On Friday afternoon, the locals overcame Waynesville, 22-19, in a last quarter spurt. Maroa's defensive work caused the opponents to take several long shots, too many of which swished the net.

Referee: Schultz (Illinois); Umpire: Cantwell.

MAROA TROUNCES ALUMNI 18-6

In the absence of "Joe" Hilt, our six foot center, Captain Waller took the pivot position, Amman shifted to guard and Himes swung in at forward. This combination worked very nicely and out-standing work was exhibited by Himes, who with Wilson made seven points apiece. Bob Bolen, a former star, made four points for the Alumni while Parlier made the other two.

The line-up:

MAROA VARSITY (18)	ALUMNI (6)
Himes, f	Caplinger, f
Wilson, f	Kempshall, f

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Editorial

WHAT'S IN A PICTURE

In the days of early Greece one reads the well known story of the contest between Zurxis and Parrhasius. One of them painted grapes so skilfully that the birds were attracted to them. The other had a picture covered with a veil. When asked to draw aside the veil, he requested his rival to do so, and, behold, the veil was the picture! That was art of the first quality and to the Greeks, what was worth doing at all was worth doing well.

Coming down to the Renaissance one finds a great revival in painting. Corregio, Rembrandt and Murillo are among the great artists of the time. Raphael's paintings possess a charm that is lacking in the works of his contemporaries. No doubt his "Sistine Madonna" is the most admired picture in the world today and in it is seen the personality and influence of the face on the canvas. Many of these great paintings are portraits.

Modern photography today has taken the place of portrait painting. It is very easy for individuals or class organizations to obtain pictures and exact likenesses of themselves. In regard to the high school, the various classes form a definite part of that institution and during their school course occupy a place which only they can fill. When they go out into the world, never more again to return, it is the custom for them to leave behind a group picture as a token of achievement and an emblem of their presence in the school life. Each has contributed

something to his school; the presence of each has been felt; together the class makes up the spirit of past co-operation, work, and success.

Alumni, returning to their alma mater, look with joy at their pictures upon her walls. To the undergraduates such pictures should be a beacon for striving to farther goals. Remove the pictures and you have removed part of the soul of the place.

May not one section of the large halls of the new building be set aside for the arrangement of Senior pictures. When, in the course of many years, they get too numerous, sets of four frames might be blocked into one large frame to conserve space; or the frames might be suspended on pivoted racks that could be moved about by the observer. A landscape or hunting scene can never replace the portrait of a friend and helper.

AN INTERVIEW WITH "SATAN"

The eavesdropping reporter recently went around to call on "Satan." The big, black boy seemed glad to have company and started the conversation by remarking that being a mascot was a gay life if you didn't weaken. He gayly recalled the time that he escaped from Doc's car up at the "bakery," went home, and hid under the barn for two days until he thought the boys had forgotten him. Then there were the long rides in the cage, and, oh yes, the fight with a certain bull-dog at Warrensburg; then a certain loyal Warrensburg supporter came around and abducted him to the janitors palacial headquarters where he was seated on the soft side of a coal pile until evening when Mr. Norton called for him in a taxi. All these events flashed in rapid succession before his mind. He stated, though, that he was as happy as Lyle whenever the boys won a game, and that after all maybe his lot wasn't as bad as Rodney Morris would have liked to have made it over at Argenta.

The Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION:

"Does the anticipation of moving into the new building arouse any enthusiasm in you?"

ANSWERS:

"I look forward to it with great interest since this is my last year. I want to have a share of the plentifulness of room and all the other new advantages, even if it is for only a short time.—M. V., '31.

"When we get settled in the new building we will have many chances to study the things that are more useful in life."—L. T. '33.

"Words cannot express my joy. My dream is coming true. When the prospects of having a new building were first issued I thought them only air castles, but seeing is believing."—E. D., '33.

"The anticipation of moving into the new building arouses a great deal of enthusiasm in me. And why not? Will we not soon have a splendid school building of our own; will we not be able to work and expand under the new conditions; and with these better accommodations will we not be able to make the most of our opportunities?"—D. P., '33.

"Yes, it does. It will be a great pleasure to be the first pupils in the new high school."—M. G., '33.

"I am very eager to move into our new building. I am sure I'll appreciate it as it will be more advantageous than the old one."—B. R., '32.

"At the present time my pet praise is, 'When do we move into the new high school.' Let us hope we move in real soon."—C. L., '33.

"I have been looking forward to moving into our new high school with the greatest enthusiasm because I'm sure our school work and athletics will be greatly improved."—M. S., '32.

"The event of moving into the new building means little, unless the curriculum is expanded with a commercial department, chemistry course, manual training department, better physics equipment, and music department."—X. Y., '35.

QUESTION:

"What did you do during your Christmas vacation?"

ANSWERS:

"During my vacation I went ice skating many times and had many spills on the ice."—L. T., '33.

"The days of my vacation were spent in the quietness of home."—E. D., '33.

"I had a very enjoyable time over Christmas vacation. I spent my time visiting, studying, and enjoying my gifts."—B. R., '32.

"I spent my Christmas vacation reading, sewing, writing long delayed letters, and studying."—C. L., '32.

"My Christmas vacation was spent in the enjoyment of plenty to eat, plenty of sleep, and a good time in between."—M. S., '32.

"I slept as long as possible, ate as much as I could and had a good time in general."—D. J., '32.

"Daily routine—minus school work. Wasn't that Heaven!"—M. P., '33.

"I visited friends and relatives over my Christmas vacation. I had a very enjoyable time."—M. O., '32.

"I stayed at home and visited in Decatur during Christmas vacation, enjoying myself very much."—D. E., '32.

BE PREPARED!

In the early part of May comes the Macon County Literary, Music and Track meet. Now is the time for those who plan to enter to begin preparations. Let's go Maroa so that we'll be ready when the command comes "to charge."

TROPHY PRESENTED TO SCHOOL

Monday morning, Jan. 12, Captain Waller, in behalf of the Basketball team, presented to the school the trophy won in the Macon county tourney.

HAMMOND REFUSES TO PLAY IN "CRACKERBOX"

According to the contract, Hammond agreed to play a return game with us providing the new gym was finished. The plan of not finishing the new gymnasium until March 1st, means we will not have a home game with them.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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Waller, c	Parlier, f
Ammann, g	Troxel, f
Chapman, g	Bolen, c
	Smart, g
	Butler, g

Referee: Stoutenborough (Eureka)

**MAROA LOSES TO WARRENSBURG, ARGENTA
IN TOURNEY**

The boys didn't go so hot in the Warrensburg Invitational. On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2, Warrensburg's aggregation nipped them 19-15. Their failure to hold their fourth quarter lead cost them a victory.

In the consolation rounds they were defeated by Argenta 20-13. Coach Cagle's basketeers started fast and kept up a good lead although Maroa came close several times.

The line-up:

WAR'SBURG (19)	G	F	MAROA (15)	G	F
Buckley, f	1	0	Wilson, f	2	1
Baker, f	1	0	Himes, f	0	0
Brown, c	0	1	Waller, c	1	0
James, g	6	2	Hilt, c	2	0
Winters, g	0	0	Ammann, g	1	0
			Chapman, g	1	0
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Totals	8	3	Totals	7	1

MAROA LOSES TO ILLIOPOLIS AFTER GREAT RALLY

Although suffocated by a 23-9 score at the beginning of the last period, Maroa rallied to play circles around Illiopolis in the closing minutes of the game. Wilson and Hilt led the basket attack with seven and eight points respectively. It is hoped that the boys have learned never to "lay down" in any basket ball game. The Maroa Seconds were snowed under 15-3. The writer suggests a good hypodermic for the entire squad.

The line-up:

ILLIOPOLIS (25)	G	F	MAROA (20)	G	F
Headrick, f	3	1	Wilson, f	4	0
Abbot, f	3	0	Ammann, f	1	2
Cryder, c	2	2	Hilt, c	2	3
Swan, g	0	0	Chapman, g	0	1
Graves, g	3	0	Waller, g	0	0
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Totals	11	3	Totals	7	6

HAMMOND STARTS STRONG; DOWNS MAROA 25-14

Hammond's scoring in the second and fourth quarters was enough to down the local quintet at Hammond last Friday, Jan. 16. The locals couldn't make the easy ones, because some of their shots were hurried. Hilt was high scorer for the locals with six points. Waller and Wilson each made four points a piece. Maroa came back in the last half with the score 10-8 against them and tied the count at 14-14. Then in the last period they went scoreless while Hammond scored 11 points. Hammond Seconds defeated Maroa's Seconds 12-11, after an overtime period. In the beginning of the last period the score was 9-1 against the local Seconds, but Crouch scored four field goals and Caplinger one, to tie it 11-11. Then Hammond Seconds made a free throw in the overtime period.

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BASKET BALL NEWS

There have been four basketball games played this period, in all of which Maroa have been victors. The first game Maroa played with Niantic was won by a score of 6-4. The second game was with Argenta which we won. The score was 10-6. The third game was with Niantic, played here, of which the score was 13-4. The fourth game or last was with Forsyth with a score of 13-0.

Maroa played the second Maroa-Niantic game exceptionally well.

Maroa will play at the tournament at Argenta at 10:30 Saturday, Jan. 24, with Cerro Gordo.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE

The Farmer's Institute will be held Feb. 20th. The grade school has some fine projects to take. The first grade has an English booklet. The second grade has an illustrated Mother Goose book, and an outline of the children's work. The third grade has a decorated sand table. The sixth grade are taking an Illinois history notebook. The seventh grade are planning a salt product map, and history notebook. The eighth grade are entering a history notebook, a book of Astronomy, an African note book, and a character notebook.

On Feb. 20, there will be a track meet which the grade school plans to enter.

EXAMS

Semester exams were the 21st and 22nd of January. Each exam was allowed two periods, giving every pupil an adequate amount of time. Report cards were given out after this exam.

HEALTH CONTEST

The fourth grade room is having a Health Contest for one month. Two classes were chosen and each side elected a leader. Each morning the leader inspects every pupil on their side to see if their desk is clean, their teeth brushed and to see that their face, neck, hands and ears were washed before they came to school. Points are given so as to decide the winner. Several other grades are thinking about doing the same thing.

TOY ORCHESTRA

The first to fourth grades are organizing a toy orchestra under the direction of Miss Banc, music and art teacher. The toy instruments have been sent for so as to be ready for organization at the beginning of the second semester.

The art work also under the direction of Miss Bane, has become very well liked by the pupils.

Several pupils who have been drinking milk have gained enough to be eliminated from the milk class.

FISH

The fish that the P. T. A. bought to give to the room having the most mothers at P. T. A. are now in the seventh grade.

KIND DEEDS CLUB

There are two hundred and one members in the Kind Deeds Club and nearly all have received their buttons. The club seems to prove very satisfactory for many kind deeds are reported each week.

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PROGRAM TO BE ARRANGED

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Rosamond Reid, her niece, just out of
college Helen K. Stoutenborough
Sally Lee Dixon, Dixie, from the sunny South Maxine Stivers
Anne Annesby, a social service fiend Helen Spooner
Barry Reid, Rosamond's Freshman brother James Parker
Harriet Annesby, Ann's younger sister Dorothy Jones
Tess, Ann's protegee from the village Lillie Mae Smart
Mike Ryan, a susceptible policeman Nelson Wilson
Brian Pierpont, a brilliant young lawyer Tim Crouch
Rev. Archibald Perry, pastor of the village flock Robert Long
Dallas Thorne, owner of the "Tavern" Rodney Morris
John Sedgewick, an old flame of Miss Day Clarence Mayall
Gloria Sherwood Jerome, a fascinating widow Helen Lyman
Celeste, Gloria's maid Helen Berry

SYNOPSIS

"Tea Topper Tavern" is the story of three girl graduates, Dixie, Rosamond and Ann, who open a summer tea room to aid their college endowment fund. Through the efforts of Brian Pierpont, admirer of Rosamond, they secure a charming old house, the property of Dallas Thorne, who has been much in the public notice on account of his engagement to Gloria Sherwood, beauty and belle, who on the eve of their wedding, eloped with a wealthy suitor. At the time that the play opens, he is supposedly traveling abroad, and Gloria is once more in evidence as a charming young widow.

Dallas Thorne suddenly returns from Europe and is hired as a waiter by Dixie who thought him to be an applicant. Desiring such an adventure, he accepts the position, pleading as an excuse for such menial work his need of outdoor exercise. No sooner has he become a member of the household than the place is quarantined following one of the maid's sudden acquiring of the smallpox. At the time of the ban, Gloria herself is resting at the tea room while her car is being repaired. She is not allowed to leave.

On discovering Dallas in the role of a servant, Gloria once more endeavors to ensnare him. Dixie and Dallas have fallen in love in the meantime, and Gloria cleverly manages to convey to Dixie that he is Dallas Thorne and that he still loves her (Gloria). As a result, he does not understand Dixie's aloofness.

Brian, in the meantime, becomes a member of the family, and Anne's social service work has brought her in touch with a young rector of the town. At a costume ball, planned as a diversion by the quarantined ones, the house is set on fire by some decorative lanterns; and in the midst of the excitement it is discovered that Dixie is in the library, which is cut off by the flames—See the climax and wind-up Jan. 29th at the Junior class play.

PEP MEETING

A pep meeting was held Thursday, Dec. 18. Snappy, enthusiastic yells were given for the basketball team, and rousing songs were sung for dear old Alma Mater. Some one said that it was the most encouraging held this school year. We believe it got under the hide of the boys for Warrensburg fell to us that night at the Argenta invitational.

PHYSICS CLASS PROGRAM POSTPONED

The Physics class got a "lucky" break when Mr. Menke excused them from going to the assembly program Jan. 14 as he thought that time should be spent on reviewing for the semester exams.

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MR. KEYES TAKES MOVIE OF FLORIDA TRIP

Since Mr. Keyes, Eddie Stevens and Coach Wolfe have returned from their Christmas vacation trip to Florida, Mr. Keyes has been showing pictures of their experiences which he took with a small, home movie camera. He has exhibited them before the Commercial Geography, American History and Junior classes, and before the P. T. A. The miniature projector casts a clear picture on the screen of about the size of a window pane. Featured in the picture are many interesting kinds of tropical trees, plants, and flowers, various species of seashore animals, and places of historical interest about St. Augustine. Historians have fixed the date of Ponce de Leon's landing on the Florida shores as 1513, but, by actual count of the stones in the cross laid out by the Spaniards to commemorate the year of their reaching the New World, Mr. Keyes ascertains that the correct date is 1512. He has a close-up to back his claims.

LATIN CLASSES GIVE PROGRAM

The Latin class under the supervision of Miss Flugum had charge of the Christmas assembly program Dec. 24. Several members of the class sang "America" in Latin, which was followed by an old Roman play in Latin dialect.

The concluding number on the program was a play in English given by Clarence Mayall, Carrie Agee, Maxine Groves and Willard Lowery. It centered around the story of a high school boy who did not want to take Latin. So his father and he made an agreement that if he could go through one day without eating anything which had a name derived from Latin, he would not have to take that subject in school. At meal times the boy would sit back and watch the others eat those daily foods, as potatoes, peas, etc., with names of Latin origin. At last hunger and bother were too great and the boy decided to include Latin in his curriculum.

ENGLISH IV DEBATE

John Ammann, taking the affirmative, and Wilbur Chapman, the negative, debated upon the question, Resolved: That memory work should be abolished from high school English courses.

The affirmative brought forth the points that modern mechanical inventions, as radios, thermostats and stop lights, do not demand such developed memories from the present day public, and that the memory should have been so developed in the grades as to allow for the usage of high school time in the perusal of commercial and manual training.

The negative ascertained that memory work in the grades was only mechanical and that memorizing extracts of poems and speeches was essential for later enjoyment as much as the need for memorizing algebra rules through the association of principle with example. It was further stated that memory work, intelligently done, was one of the best and most constructive ways of training and stimulating the mind, which is the essence of education. No formal judge was present.

ORCHESTRA IN FIRST APPEARANCE

The Maroa high school orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Hess of the Millikin Conservatory of Music, appeared in a program before the student body on Dec. 19. The following selections were rendered: "New York Life March," "Yule Tide Echoes," "Melody of Christmas Songs," "Lola Waltz," "The Dream Waltz." Leonard Braden favored the audience with a delightful cornet solo. The orchestra is making rapid strides on the road to success, and is an organization which the whole school and community should be proud of.

ORCHESTRA WORKING ON NEW PIECES

The orchestra is now working on a medley of American National songs and an overture. They have been asked to play at the dedication of the new high school.

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ASSEMBLY JANUARY 9

Mr. Menke spoke to the student body on the second semester curriculum and stated that Commercial Arithmetic, Civics and Solid Geometry will be introduced in place of Algebra II, Commercial Law and Commercial Geography. He said that the new building would probably be finished by March 1st, and gave the students warning to take the best care of the fixtures. He furthermore suggested that each class should establish a fund for, and should plan to contribute something in the way of paintings, sculptorings or shrubbery to the beautification of the new building.

Mr. Menke does not like the present program of hanging the large class pictures in the corridors. He says that it is being done away with in the new school plants; but we notice that Blue Mound and Illiopolis have hung their class pictures on their walls. A good many students are opposed to doing away with the pictures and it is hoped that some suitable scheme may be devised whereby this custom can be preserved.

PLANTING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL TREE

In cooperation with the American Tree Association, the Biology class planted a tree, Dec. 12, commemorating the bicentennial celebration of Washington's birthday, which occurs in 1932. The class, under the direction of Mr. Norton, selected, from the banks of Salt Creek, a small elm tree which the Ag boys removed to the new school site.

At the planting ceremony Nelson Wilson, a member of the class, explained the significance of the act; Mr. Menke impressed upon all present the importance of setting out trees; and Mr. Dewhirst, representing the Board of Education, said that he was glad that the pupils wished to beautify the school grounds. Following the talks, each person present threw some dirt around the roots and the little tree was soon planted.—C. M., '32.

CHANGE IN COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The Senior class, upon the advise of Mr. Menke, will not have the conventional speaker as the main feature of the commencement program of 1931. Instead they will take some local problem of civic importance and with the talent and ability in the high school will develop it in its various relations with school, home and community. The committee is already at work and a real, live and interesting program is expected to be presented to parents, friends and patrons on Commencement Day.

YEA TEAM!

Friday, Dec. 19, we held a pep meeting preceding our encounter with Waynesville in the Argenta invitational tourney. Following the yells short speeches were given by Mr. Keyes, Mr. Norton, Coach Wolfe and Mary K. Ammann. School was dismissed at 2:00 for the game.

One member of the student body suggests that the cheer leaders get up on the platform when they lead the yells so that the rest can see them.

NEW BASKET BALL SUITS FOR TEAM

New suits for the team have been purchased during the last two weeks. The jerseys are bright orange and the pants are blue trimmed with bright gold bands. The suits are supplemented with flashy gold and blue socks which come to the knees.

OPERETTA PROGRESSES

The glee clubs under the direction of Mr. Wolfe, are devoting regular practices to the mastering of the operetta, "In Old Louisiana," which they will present in March. Not all of the characters have been definitely selected as yet.

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THE NEW SEMESTER

As you are reading this issue of the Blue and Gold the "old" semester is, or is about to become, a matter of record. What your record is, is largely what you have made it. What you have done, or undone must be in the main charged to you, yourself. It is after all pretty much a personal matter with education the same way as with any achievement. If you do not have the will to do, or the will to desire, the most gifted and learned teachers in the world can do but little for your education. On the other hand, if you are intent upon learning, then the better the teacher the easier and pleasanter the road of learning; for this teacher will be able to lead you to heights otherwise unheard of or unseen. If the record has not been what we desired there is satisfaction in the opportunity to do better the next semester.

The attitude that we assume toward the new semester will determine in a large measure what the outcome will be. The pupil who sees in the new semester just another round of eighteen weeks will in all likelihood add nothing to his score. Fortunately such pupils are by far the exception and not the rule. The pupil who good naturedly and complacently takes the new semester as a matter of course, same as he does his three meals, will get through alright, the chances are, but it is safe to predict that he will not get much more than that. Such pupils merely pass through school. When through high school such pupils generally have no place to go. For such fellows usually a couple of years of work of a nondescript type and then matrimony, and thus these become a part of the maelstrom of life. This is rather a pathetic picture and we do not care to dwell on it. The pupil who looks to the new semester as another opportunity for conquering new worlds, who looks upon it as an opportunity for getting ready for something ahead, or, who thinks of it in terms of a step nearer to college, to a business, or a profession, that pupil will certainly reap many times more than what he sowed. To such a pupil the new semester will be an adventure full of romance, happiness, and satisfaction. Get this attitude, pupils of M. C. H. S. Make your education a stepping stone to some definite worthy objective.

Exchange

"The Railsplitter," Lincoln, Illinois.

Your literary section is very interesting and the article on short hand is quite clever.

"The Clipper," Monmouth, Illinois.

We notice that Monmouth has many parties but there is great variety. 'Variety is the spice of life.'

"New Arko," Newark, Illinois.

Your art is very original and the "Grins" department appeals to the "funny bone."

"Somannis," South Manchester, Connecticut.

You have quite an extensive literary department. We wonder if that department won't be the "makings" of some future Sinclair Lewis's.

We wish to acknowledge the following exchanges:

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Hard unto the Liquid Tar Soap
Aunt Jemima with her Kodak
Stood and pointed to the Crisco
"Yonder lives the Locomobile
In the forests of O'Cedar
He it was who slew Ipana
Slew him with his Kuppenheimer."

Boldly then the Instant Postum
Seized his trusty Biflex Bumper
Gave his bride one last fond Djer-kiss
Kissed her by the Coca-Cola
"Cutie Cura, I am going
On a long and distant journey
Where the great names, Bromo-Quinine
And Palmolive are unknown
Guard you well our daughter, Jello,
And our first born baby, Rinso."

Launched him then his Evinrude barque
On the shining Pluto water
Stood she then and munched the Grape-nuts
While he chug-chugged toward the sunset
While she smiled the smile of Ivory
Wept the tears of Listerine.
(For the above we thank the Monmouth High School
"Clipper" from whose pages we clipped it).

PHYSICS AS SHE IS SPOKE

(Found on a Senior Physics Paper)

To make a permanent magnet one should wind an iron bar around an induction coil, and pass a current through the iron bar. To find out which pole of the magnet is the North pole, grasp the rod or bar firmly with the right hand and the direction toward which the thumb points is the North pole.

Mr. Keyes: "Could you do anything as a partner that might dissolve the partnership?"

Gloyd Glick: "You could die."

THEME WRITTEN BY AN ENGLISH I STUDENT THE HERMIT

The hermet was standing by the door of the kave barefooted and the hermet had vary little close on. And the hermet had a long beard which made the hermet look vary redikulas.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Our eavesdropping reporter brought in the following as some of the New Year's Resolutions made in our school.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1—I will give no more exams in Biology.—Mr. Norton.
- 2—I will write no more letters to Farmer City.—Montizelle Braden.
- 3—I will get revenge on the joke editor.—Floyd Hillt.
- 4—We will win the district tournament.—Coach Wolfe.
- 5—I will have nothing to do with girls in 1931—James Parker.

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6—I will lead bigger and better cheers in 1931.—John Kirby.
7—I will not use my pen so harshly when editing material for the Blue and Gold.—Wilbur Chapman.

8—Having before this time been noted for my self confidence and nerve I resolve to develop an inferiority complex and become more bashful.—Wallace Turner.

9—I will not use a shot gun on rival suitors in 1931.—Leland Camp.

10—We, having never been athletically inclined, do resolve to pay greater attention to the world of sport in 1931.—The Sterling Brothers.

11—I will grow a mustache and be known as “Buck” Fort in 1931.—Twain Fort.

12—I, desiring to remain in a single state, do resolve to refrain from writing letters to a northern Illinois town.—John Ammann.

13—We, having dallied long enuf in life, do hereby resolve to become highly industrious, especially in study hall and home room.—The Student Body.

14—We, having plagued the public with rotten material for long enuf, do resolve that our department shall henceforth be less mirth provoking (if possible) and shall contain mostly epigrams and other such serious bits of literature.—Ye Joke Editors.

Miss Kane: “Fred, you said, ‘She hadn’t saw him.’ Is that right?”

Fred Sterling: “Yes, I don’t believe she had.”

Mr. Keyes: “Who is an innkeeper?”

John Foulke: “A fellow who keeps an inn.”

Miss Kane: “What do you think of first when you hear the name, Burke?”

Russ Reed: “Chevrolets.”

Alumni

Abou Ben Alumni, may his tribe increase,
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace;
To keep us informed he had done his best,
And lo, in these notes, his name led all the rest.

The following members of the class of '30 visited their Alma Mater during December: Dorothy Milnes, Mildred Thomas, Betty Lou Stoutenborough, Mary Foulke and Guyneith Luckenbill.

Dorothy Milnes and Dean Smith, former students of M. C. H. S., were recently given special scholastic honors of Charleston State Teachers College.

Mabel Austin and Harold McKinney, both of the class of '28, were married Christmas Eve. M. C. H. S. extends to them heartiest congratulations and best wishes for future happiness.

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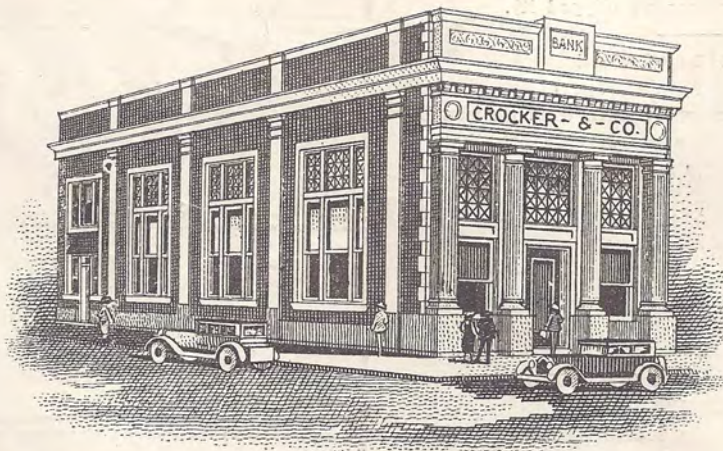
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