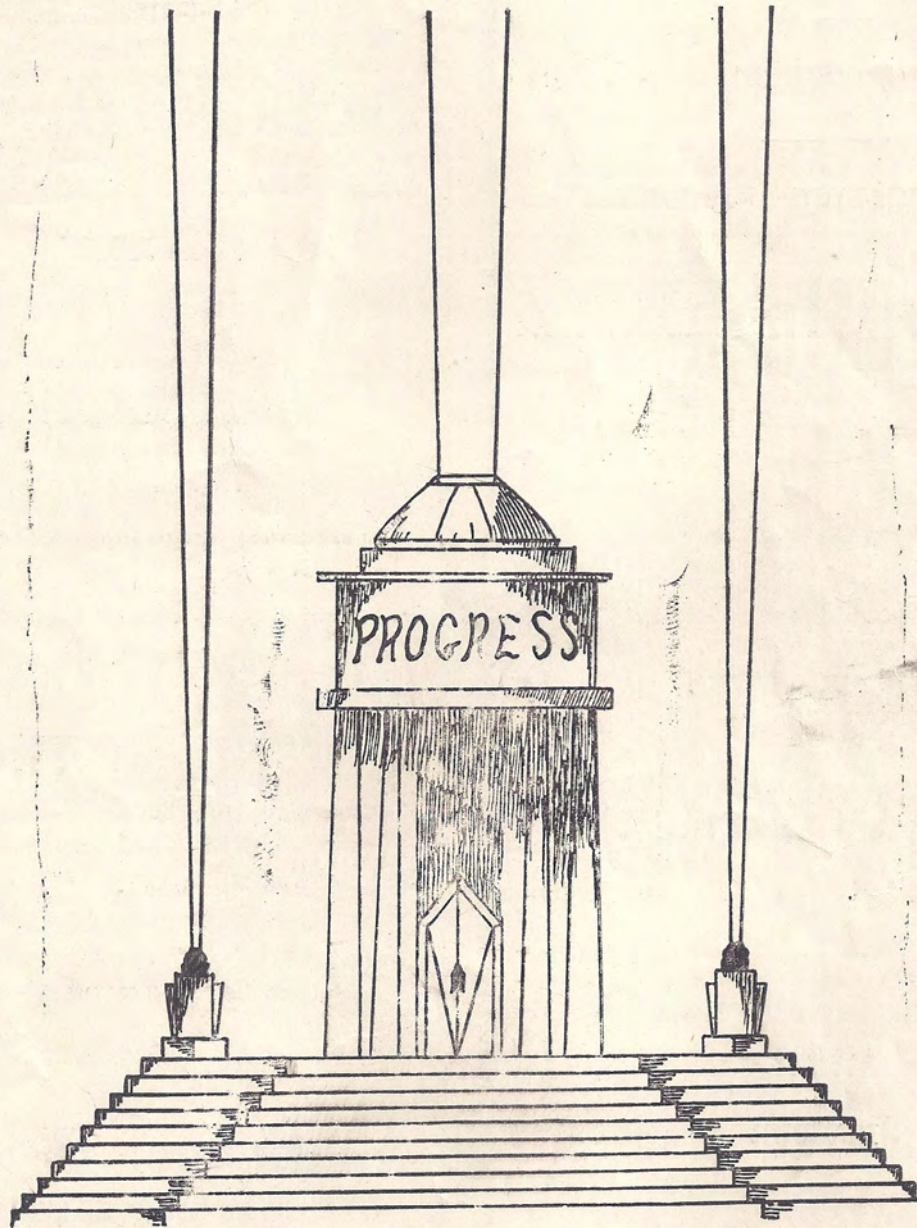


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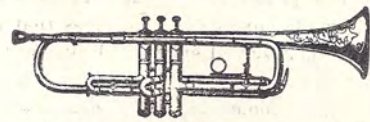
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Editorial

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP

Now that we have our new school building, it is up to us, the students, to provide the right atmosphere to maintain the highest standing and respect of our neighboring schools.

We have made a fine start by setting aside one period a week for the purpose of discussing good citizenship in the school. Each class has a plan of its own, which is followed in these meetings.

One group has posters that illustrate its goals or ideals. Another room has made slogans or sentences that give the student the right ideas about school spirit. Still another has open discussion on points brought up by the preceding speaker.

After the Home Rooms have all their ideas and slogans recorded in outline form or otherwise, they submit them to the Student Council. This body will then consider all the plans turned in and a school creed will be worked out.

M. C. H. S. has finally caught the old school spirit in connection with football, basketball, etc. Now let us make her stand for the ideals of young manhood, not only in sports, but in every thing connected with the school.

Let's make Maroa High School FIRST in Learning, Sports, and Good Citizenship!—Timmie Crouch, '33.

We are glad to see Elwood Berry back at school again.

The week of November 8th was National Education week. The high school was glad to extend a welcome to all who visited.

Dr. A. C. Ammann
Veterinarian

Why do we do the things we do? I think this is a question which we as individuals do not ask ourselves often enough. The reason for this might be that we generally are not able to answer this question to our own satisfaction. So the easiest thing to do is to not ask the question.

It is not strange, perhaps it were better to ridiculous, how very often the answer to this question is 'I don't know.' If I ask someone why he does this or that, he states some reason and if I again and again keep asking 'why,' the ultimate reply in so many cases is, 'I don't know.' This certainly indicates that much of our action, entirely too much of it, is done aimlessly, and that our thinking has had little part in the entire process.

An outstanding aim or education still is to teach pupils how to think so that they might be masters of themselves rather than the slaves of whimsical notions and shallow ideas and ideals. We still believe that it pays to think through the situations that confront us and which we cannot evade. Our thinking determines our action and this turn determines the direction we are going. By being satisfied with the answer 'I don't know,' the chances are nine to one that we are not moving in the right direction either for our own good or for the good of society.

Why does one pupil put heart and soul into the business of a high school education while another just drifts? There may be different answers, but if we limit the situation strictly to the two in question, the answer must be that the one is thinking and the other is not. Ask the one where he is going and he will tell you; ask the other and he will say 'I don't know.' One boy smokes excessively, another does not smoke at all. Why? Certainly the effects of tobacco do not result discriminately, that is, certainly the boy who smokes is no more immune to the effects than the boy who doesn't. Evidently the boy in the latter case is doing some thinking.

These are just two random examples. They might be duplicated in many different situations. Let us develop a habit of trying to think through the situations in which we find ourselves and those situations that will confront us. The measure should be, firstly, the good for society and, secondly, the good for ourselves. If we apply this measure we can't go wrong. So, why do we do it?—Mr. Menke.

What the Classes Are Doing

AMERICAN HISTORY

The morning section of the American History class is now studying the period of Thomas Jefferson's presidency and the purchase of the Louisiana Territory.

HOME ECONOMICS III

The Home Economics III class has been making budgets, studying the best way to invest money and learning the most efficient and economical way of planning and building homes.

ENGLISH I

The English I class is now studying "The Lady of the Lake" by Scott. After the study and discussion of the entire poem has been completed, notebooks consisting of pictures and outlines will be made.

BIOLOGY

The Biology class is now studying the various classifications of insects. Last week the class helped to plant shrubbery and gained very valuable information from this work.

Literary

THE SCHOOL DRINKING FOUNTAIN

The school drinking fountain treats all students alike, from the smallest Freshman, to the largest Senior. Each one, unless unusually careful, gets his face thoroughly washed in the vicinity of the mouth, nose, chin and certain portions of the cheeks, each time he attempts to refresh his parched lips and mouth by resorting to the usual method of taking a drink.

When the bell rings and class is over, the Senior makes his way slowly, not very quickly because all other students seem to be going in just the opposite direction, to the southern end of the hall. He finds, judging from the number of people at the fountain, that there were a few of the students going his way. He patiently awaits his turn to partake of his portion of the city water supply. While doing so, he notices that several people, probably underclassmen, as Seniors certainly would not do such a thing, have found a means of ridding themselves of their long-used supply of chewing gum by throwing it into the fountain. The sight of such does not make his longing for a drink any more urgent.

Next the little knob is turned and he bends his head, only to bump it on the side of the fountain basin. Turning sideways he is just ready to take the welcomed drink when down goes his face into the depths of the liquid!! This sudden descent seems to have been caused by some extra pressure on the top of his head which has been exerted by a playful classmate. Someone says to hurry, that it is time for the bell, and whether he has received a swallow of water or not, his tongue and his lips have been moistened as well as his whole face.

However this is something remarkable to experience as very few people have such numerous opportunities to have their faces washed without exerting any further energy than to turn a little shiny knob located just beneath the basin part of the drinking fountain.

But let us remember we should not habitually condemn the fountain for all the inconveniences which it may appear to cause in the life of the High School student. Perhaps we do not give it as fair a chance to prove its helpfulness as might be possible.—Gertrude Hastings, '32.

THE DAY I SHALL NEVER FORGET

I go to visit my cousin who lives in a small country town. One day I am entertained by going to their only movie. We go up a dirty, creaky, dusty stairway. This is not the days when there are no "talkies."

Jane, the town theatre manager's daughter, sits in a cage in the middle of the doorway. On either side of the cage glare red and black posters showing the heroine escaping from the villain. Jane, chewing gum, hands out the tickets marked Admit One Only. Jim Baker, a country "hick," takes the tickets. He is lolling back in his chair.

At seven o'clock only a few people are sitting in the straight backed chairs. But soon the small boys of the town rush in and tramp noisily down the middle aisle to the front row. Old Jake Klink comes slowly in, his cane striking the floor with a dull thud. He sits shakingly and tremblingly down by the side of Grandpa Brown who is changing his short distance spectacles to his long distance ones. Men in work clothes, men with their wives, bunches of giggling girls, and groups of town boys, throng in and seat themselves in the little hot, stuffy room. Mrs. Thomas comes in with her hen-pecked husband following

her and seats herself by Mrs. Jones who always weeps at shows and gossips at funerals.

Then as the advertisements are thrown on, some up side down, Mrs. Johnson can be heard saying, "Oh, don't you come often? Why, I come every time. I think they are educational. Oh, you don't know much about the movie stars? Why, I know nearly all of them. Oh, Mary Pickford? She married Fatty Arbuckle, you know. They have one child, Charlie Chaplin. I think it's so nice that all of the family are in the movies, don't you?"

After the picture begins they all sit with their necks craned and their eyes bulging. The room is very quiet except for the mumbling of Grandpa Brown as he reads the story thrown on the screen.—Ruth Alice Foulke, '25.

THE LITTLE OL' HOME TOWN

By name it's called Maroa
It's just a little place,
But to be a citizen of it
Why, I'm sure it's no disgrace,
If the sidewalk gets quite crowded
Or the people stand and stare,
Why, the "hustlers" get impatient
And cut across the "square."
To tourists it's another town
Through which they have to pass,
"A dandy place to stop and lunch,
Or get a tank of gas."
The young folks are quite rowdy
Or so the elders say,
But young folks in other towns
Act exactly the same way.
If our friends have gained distinction,
Or they're citizens of renown,
Still the also get a welcome
In the little ol' home town.
When you travel on your journeys,
And the world upon you frowns,
Don't forget the welcomes' waiting
In the little ol' home town.
If you're tempted to surrender,
And you're almost down and out,
The little home town welcomes you
And greets you with a shout.
In some towns the folks are distant,
And they greet you with a frown,
But you'll seldom find folks like that,
In our little ol' home town.

—Helen T. Glosser, '32

There was no school on Friday, Nov. 20th. The teachers went to the State Institute in Champaign-Urbana.

George Stein has been driving a new Chevrolet coach to school. When do we get a ride in it, George? — *Never*

M. C. H. S. has two new students, Aven and James Wright. They came from Waltonville, Ill. Welcome! *127 only*

Mr. Wolfe attended the Knox-Mountz game at Galesburg Thanksgiving Day. From Galesburg he went on to his home in Iowa.

Local Items

AMERICAN HISTORY CLASS TO LEWISTOWN

Mr. Keyes took both American History classes on a trip to the mounds near Lewistown on Thursday, Nov. 12th. This was a most educational trip. One of the archeologists who is excavating there gave an hour lecture and answered all questions. An intense interest was shown by all the students.

This mound is one of ten thousand in Illinois, and is classed as a burial mound. There are over two hundred skeletons exposed at the present time and it is estimated that there are probably two or three thousand altogether in the entire mound. As no metal whatsoever is found, it is certain that these remains represent a much older civilization than that of the red man whom the white man found here. The State of Illinois may take the work over in the future and open the rest of the mounds.

HIGH SCHOOL GROUND LANDSCAPING STARTED

The landscaping of the high school grounds has been started and is creating much favorable comment. Mr. Norton has the work in charge and made the trip to Onarog, Ill., where the shrubs were purchased.

The agriculture, biology and general science classes helped in the planting and received very valuable first hand knowledge of the many varieties of plants used.

The landscaping has been very carefully planned, and will make a most effective setting for our new high school building. The front hedge is of Japanese barberry, and to the south there are eight colored blue spruce trees, with three different kinds of shrubs dividing the main grounds from the athletic field.

In front of the building are dwarf sumac and box barberry. On either side of both the north and south side are pyramidal arborvitae flanked by dwarf junipers. At the corners of the grounds ornamental shade trees are planted, a tulip tree, pin oak, hackberry and American linden.

The athletic field is surrounded on the south and west sides by high, compact bushes of buck thorn and high-bush cranberry. On the north side of the school grounds will be a high hedge of thick shrubbery.

When all of this shrubbery is developed our school will have one of the most beautiful grounds in this vicinity.

JUNIOR PARTY

The masked party given by Helen Bourne in her home Oct. 31st, kept the Junior class from playing Hallowe'en pranks on this night. The home was decorated in gay autumn colors and at entering everyone had to crawl through a barrel to get to the inside of the house. Doris Pride and Evelyn Dash, dressed as "The Two Little Girls in Blue," took the prize for being the best costumed. Dancing and games were the big features of the evening. Mary Liming and Evelyn Dash won prizes in the games. Each person had his fortune told by a witch. Refreshments of ham and wiener sandwiches, pumpkin pie, cocoa, marshmallow salad and cake tasted very good, eaten at a late hour when everyone was feeling the pangs of hunger. In each piece of cake was an article, such as a ring, thimble, horn, dice, canoe, and each one had a meaning. After refreshments more dancing was enjoyed. Then the party broke up, each one happy to remember the pleasant time just past.—V. L., '33.

ROBERT BOWMAN APPEARS ON LYCEUM PROGRAM

Robert Bowman, the well known impersonator, gave a very interesting program on Thursday, Nov. 5th. He made excellent portrayals of a Chippewa Indian, an English school teacher, Shylock, and a Hoosier farmer.

Because of the fact that he puts on the make-up in view of the audience, and talks about the characters before he gives each portrayal, Mr. Bowman holds the interest of everyone. We have never had a program of this type in our assembly, but from all reports it was well liked.

Don't forget that John Frye & Co., will present "Mysteries" on Dec. 7th at 1 p. m.

SENIOR CLASS HAS HARD TIMES PARTY

Prosperity may be just around the corner but hard times were very much in evidence at the Senior class party on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Mary Katharine Ammann won the prize for the most appropriately dressed girl, and Rodney Morris for the most appropriately dressed boy. There were many that deserved honorable mention.

The evening's entertainment consisted of games and dancing. Just before leaving everyone assembled and Mr. Keyes took a flashlight picture. In later years that picture can be used as a proof of the hard times of 1931.

Report cards came out on Thursday, Nov. 18th. Good news? Bad news?

ASSEMBLY SPONSORED BY AMERICAN HISTORY CLASSES

A very interesting and instructive program was presented by the American History classes under the supervision of Mr. Menke on Armistice Day. It was in the form of a meeting of the League of Nations. The meeting was called to order by Donald Hayden, Venzeuela, acting as temporary chairman. After the league had paid due respect to Dr. Streseman of Germany who had recently died, a delegate from Germany, Robert Vorce, Count Bernstorff, gave an acknowledgement and the meeting continued. Mr. Menke called roll and each delegate passed by the ballot box dropping in their votes for the new president. Clarence Mayall of Belgium and Bruce Atkins of Salvador acted as tellers. The results were in favor Mr. Robert Long, representative of Roumania. The new president took the chair and proceeded with the business at hand. Several speeches were made concerning World Peace. The speakers of the program were:

Timmie Crouch, representing M. Briand, France.
George Austin, representing Mr. Arthur Henderson, British Empire.

Nelson Himes, representing Mr. Pellegarde, Haiti.
William Mells, representing Prince Varnvaidya, Siam.
James Parker, representing Dr. Curtuis, Germany.
Gloyd Glick, representing Mr. Wu, China.
Lloyd Oates, representing Mr. Matos, Guademaal.
Robert Milnes, representing Viscount Cecil, British Empire.
James Wikoff, representing Mr. Matsudaira, Japan.

After these speeches the meeting adjourned.

For a short interval, at eleven o'clock, all stood facing the east in honor of Armistice Day.

- Such a program is enjoyed by all.



PRIMA

Mary K. Ammann, 96.25	Maxine Stivers, 93.50
Helen Spooner, 96	Dorothy Jones, 93.25
Doris Carney, 95.6—5 Subjects	Evelyn Bales, 93.25
Helen K. Stoutenborough, 95.50	Ruth Austin, 93.25
William Meils, 95.25	Doris Pride, 93
Viola Wendling, 94.5	Ruth Groves, 90.75
Evelyn Dash, 94	Charles Carney, 90.75
Emily Jane Dewhirst, 94	Catherine Be... 90.5
Helen Lyman, 93.75	
Helen Berry, 93.50	

POST GRADUATE

Harold Coltis, 91—5 Subjects

SECUNDA

Helen Glosser, 94.5	Mary June Cramer, 90.5
Dorothy Miller, 94.25	Curtis Morgan, 90.5
Mary Pennypacker, 93.6	Lillie Mae Smart, 90.5
Robert Milnes, 93.5	Mary Lee Spreckelmeyer, 90.5
Ruth Foulke, 91.25	Carrie Agee, 90.25
Bertha Rogers, 90.75	Maxine Groves, 90
	Stella Camp, 90

Alumni News

Betty Lou Stoutenborough, '39, George Reynolds, '30, James Walier, '31, Rosemary Cox, '31, all students of the University of Illinois, Champaign; and Racheal Bowden, a student of Charleston State Teachers College, Charleston, Ill., visited their Alma Mater and attended the Senior Hallowe'en Hard Time party, Oct. 30th.

Wilbur Chapman, '31, of Eureka College, Eureka, Ill., is a member of their glee club. M. C. H. S. wishes him good luck.

William McGuire, a Freshman at the University of Illinois, visited friends here Nov. 7, 1931.

Many of M. C. H. S. graduates returned to the home fires for Thanksgiving. Among them were James Waller, William McGuire, George Reynolds, and Rosemary Cox, students at the U. of I., Racheal Bowden and Dorothy Milnes of Charleston State Teacher's College; John Ammann of Monmouth, Clay Dine of the U. of I., Medical School in Chicago, and Gerald Cox, who teaches at Vandalia.

Betty Lou Stoutenborough, '30, a student at the U. of I., spent Thanksgiving at Lindenwood, St. Charles, Mo. Betty attended school there last year.

Exchange

"Samor," Mt. Zion Community High School, Mt. Zion, Illinois:

On Sept. 30th Mr. F. C. Hood, a high school visitor from the University of Illinois, visited the Mt. Zion high school. They are placed upon the accredited list with the University. We are proud of your record, Mt. Zion, and we join you in saying, "Yea, Mt. Zion, Rah! Rah! Rah!"

"The Clipper," Monmouth, Illinois:

What could that word mean? It must mean something about— Oh, well it doesn't matter. So many people excuse themselves from the dictionary by saying something like the

above.

we agree with you, "Clipper," and we hope to pass your God advice on to our own school students lest they forget to use the dictionary every day.

"The Westville High," Westville, Illinois:

"Westville High" is a new exchange on our list this time. We admire their column entitled "No Foolin'." Here are a few things which are found in their October issue:

A football is not a pigskin—all regulation footballs are made of cowhide.

-Sophomores at the University of Oregon have to have a license before they can spank Freshmen.

Ohio University has a course in Radio Broadcasting.

"Macon Community High School Reporter," Macon, Illinois.

We believe the advice concerning the way in which Macon's fine high school building should be kept, applies also to our fine new building. We all enjoy looking at a beautiful, well-kept building.

"The Champaign Chronicle," Champaign High School, Champaign, Illinois:

Students of the Champaign High School will present a three act operetta, "The Chimes of Normandy" in the auditorium, Dec. 17th and 18th.

"The Manual," Manual Training High School, Peoria, Illinois:

Your joke column, "Mirthquakes" is surely entertaining. We especially liked this one: "We call him horse because he takes after his fodder."

The Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION: "What in your opinion is the educational value of trips taken by different classes? For example, the recent history class trip to the mounds?"

"Trips taken by classes are usually very beneficial. For the most part students making these trips learn more in a day than they can learn in many days in school. The reason for this is that actually seeing a thing makes more of an impression on one's mind than reading about it. Too, they see many things that they have never been told about. However, if not handled properly, these trips could and might become nothing more than a picnic."—F. B. Norton.

"Educational trips offer a pleasant and interesting, as well as, instructive variety of time spent during school hours."—Doris Carney, '34.

"I think that the trips are very worth while. They make the pupil more interested in the subject and they also make the subject much clearer."—Mildred Hobkirk, '33.

"Trips like these teach students more about their surrounding country of which they have only a vague idea."—Carrie Agee, '32.

"Educational trips in my opinion are very beneficial to students because they offer a change in curriculum. They also make more of an impression on our mind than merely studying a certain thing."—Geraldine Hilt, '34.

"I think that trips taken by the classes are educational and cause us to remember a certain thing longer than by just reading about it in a book."—Betty Potter, '32.

"I think that the trips are educational. They give the students a clearer vision of things that they are studying about. They also give those the advantage who would otherwise not get to see them."—Marie Thomas, '32.

"The trips give students a chance to learn by actual examples instead of by a text book."—Virgil Purdue, '32.

SPORTS

1931-32 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 4th—St. Teresa at Maroa.
Dec. 11th—Maroa at Hammond.
Dec. 12—Blue Mound at Maroa.
Dec. 18th—Maroa at Argenta.
Dec. 19th—Lincoln at Maroa.
Jan. 7th, 8th, 9th—County Tournament at Macon.
Jan. 15th—Maroa at Warrensburg.
Jan. 16th—Niantic at Maroa.
Jan. 22—Mt. Zion at Maroa.
Jan. 23—Maroa at St. Teresa.
Jan. 29th—Lovington at Maroa.
Jan. 30th—Maroa at Lincoln.
Feb. 5th—Warrensburg at Maroa.
Feb. 6th—Maroa at Lovington.
Feb. 12th—Argenta at Maroa.
Feb. 13th—Maroa at Wapella.
Feb. 16th—Maroa at Mt. Zion.
Feb. 19th—Hammond at Maroa.
Feb. 26—Wapella at Maroa.
Feb. 27—Niantic at Niantic

MAROA BEATS HAMMOND 20 TO 18

Maroa's winged footed warriors aided by Wilson's fine running downed Hammond in a closely fought game, 20 to 18. The game was played on the Hammond field.

Due to the team's fine blocking and tackling the Maroa backs were able to get loose for several good gains.

Hammond was always threatening to tie the score but could not make their extra points count. Legge, of Hammond, was a constant threat, tearing off long runs, and passing to waiting ends.

Wilson, and Austin did the scoring for Maroa while Legge scored all of Hammond's points.

This was the last game of the season for the Maroa team, and eleven men played their last game for M. C. H. S. and were awarded with a victory.

MAROA COMES BACK IN LAST HALF TO BEAT MT. ZION 21 TO 0

Coach Wolfe's gridmen were held on even terms the first half in a game played at Mt. Zion. But the second half—well, it looked much different with Wilson, Austin, and Morris lugging the pig-skin for constant gains.

The boys rolled up 21 points the last half to turn the game into a rout. The boys doing the scoring for Maroa are as follows: Morris, Wilson, and Austin, who scored a touchdown each.

CHANGE TIME OF GYM CLASS

The Freshman and Sophomore girl's gym class hours have been changed to the third period on Wednesdays and Fridays because of the boys basket ball practise after school.

NEW COVER FOR "BLUE AND GOLD"

The staff hopes the readers will notice the new cover of the "Blue and Gold." It was drawn by our staff artist, Franklin Caplinger. Hereafter, the "Blue and Gold" will be known as a magazine instead of a paper, because of the form. The staff would like to hear your criticism on this new form.

BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS PURCHASE NEW GYM SUITS

The boys' physical education class, under the direction of Mr. Wolfe have purchased new gym suits, and gym shoes from Haines & Essicks.

The class is now fully organized and are playing games during the period allotted for this class. The class expects to start playing basketball within a short time.

MAROA DOWNS DECATUR RESERVES IN SECOND TILT

Maroa's fleet-footed backfield outran and outpassed the boys from the south, and won a football game 18 to 0. The first score came when Wilson ran back the first kickoff behind beautiful interference for a touchdown.

The boys outstanding for Maroa are as follows: Wilson, Austin, Crouch, Bennett, Morris and Long.

The second score came when Wilson threw a long pass to Crouch, who ran the rest of the way for a touchdown.

SENIORS HAVE CHARGE OF ASSEMBLY

The dignified (?) Seniors, under the direction and supervision of Miss Kane and Miss Flugum, presented the assembly program, Wednesday, Nov. 25. The program consisted of the following numbers:

Song—Student Body.

Play.

Reading—Helen Lyman.

Quartette—"Autumn Lullaby" — Helen Lyman, Helen Berry, Helen Glosser, Mary K. Ammann.

Play.

Song—Seniors.

Before dismissing the students, Mr. Menke wished them all a happy Thanksgiving and said he hoped they would come back to school on Monday, none the worse for their vacation. How many took that valuable advice?

The girls lunch room has been changed from Mr. Norton's home room to the sewing room. In order that girls may eat on the tables, thus eliminating some of the crumbs on the floor. So many complaints have been made by the Junior class to the Student Council that Mr. Menke made this change.

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JOB PRINTING OF ALL KINDS

Dear Mary:

Our American History classes took a trip Thursday, November 12th. We went to Lewistown to visit the famous mounds.

We left the school house at Maroa at about 8:30. There were seven cars of us, Helen K. Stoutenborough's car, with Mr. Keyes driving, taking the lead. In order following her were Helen Lyman's Maud Streich's, James Wikoff's Lester Fishel's, James Parker's, and Warner Smart's cars. There was quite a group of us, thirty-nine in all.

We first went to Clinton. The cavalcade stopped near the Lincoln Grade School so that Mr. Keyes could give us some last-minute instructions. The pupils were out in the school yard playing, but it seemed as though we were some big attraction, because, when we came to a halt, they all came crowding near us. One of them asked who was dead. Pleasant thought!

From Clinton we went on the new hard road to Lincoln. On the way, we noticed about six or seven tombstones underneath several large trees. They were not a part of any cemetery so we concluded that it was a family burial ground.

No one in our car knew how to get out of Lincoln on the right road, so we turned to the left at one corner and kept on going until we came to a filling station where we learned that we had to go back six blocks over the same street we had come in on.

After we had crossed the Illinois River, the road was all along the river bottom. In one place the road ran along a gully or a canal of some sort. We surmised that the dirt had probably been taken from it to make the road.

We saw the most picturesque old train over by Lewistown. It looked as if it dated back to the "gay 90's." It was comparatively small to those big engines of today. Its smoke stack was higher than anything else on the top of the engine and it was curved in the cutest way.

We stopped in Lewistown to get gas, and to eat our lunches. We discovered that a rear tire was low on our car and later that it had a leak in it. The man at the filling station fixed it for us. Lucky!

The people who own the mound also have a fur farm. They raise fox, raccoon, and mink. We asked one man the value of a mink and he said that alive they were worth from fifty to one hundred dollars, but the pelts were only worth about twenty to thirty dollars.

Coming home, when crossing a railroad track, we noticed on one side of us, up above the track was some sort of a net. Farther down was a bridge. As we did not know the purpose of said net, we asked Mr. Keyes. He told us that it was to warn the brakeman of the bridge they were approaching, so that he could lie down on top of the car, in order to escape injury.

That was about all of the interesting things of the trip. If I think of any more I'll write and tell you.

Love

Sally

TO HAVE SCHOOL NIGHT

Tuesday night December 8th, has been set as the annual school night. School will be dismissed in the afternoon and will take up again at 7:30 p. m. There will be three periods, the fifth, sixth, and seventh, continuing until 9:30.

This school night is an annual affair and is held to allow the parents to visit our school and see their children in classes.

All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

"Intruding on Horace," the play given by the Junior class on Friday, Nov. 13th, proved to be a big success.

The audience was amused by Horace, played by Curtis Morgan, when he tried to write an Egyptian history and was continually interrupted by girls, robbers and detectives. Loris, his secretary, played by Maxine Groves, became entangled in his affairs for life, when Horace fell in love with her.

The housekeeper, Caroline Leach; giggling Nanie, Virginia Lyons; and stuttering Toby, Lyle Tezer, added much to the comedy.

Others in the cast were Franklin Caplinger, John Kirby, Wallace Hogue, Evelyn Dash, Doris Pride, Evelyn Bales, and Walter Wheeler. All of the actors were very clever and effi-

NEW COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

A new committee has been created at the suggestion of Mr. Menke, for the Student Council. This committee is called the Publicity Committee, and the members, Emily Jane Dewhirst and Maxine Groves, write up important events that have happened in the school for the News-Times.

"THE LUCKY FOOL"

This was the name of a humorous short play presented by the Freshman class in assembly Thursday, Nov. 19th. The cast was as follows:

Julie Brainerd—A flapper bride Mary June Cramer
 Horace Brainerd—Her husband Junior Waller
 Joe—The elevator attendant Charles Milnes
 Minerva—A would-be flapper cook Betty Adams
 Miss Jane Brainerd—Horace's Aunt Wilma Shoemaker

This play was also given Nov. 24th for the P. T. A.

M. C. H. S. HAS OWN CELEBRITY

M. C. H. S. is proud to have as one of its students Mildred Riley, Corn Queen of Illinois. Mildred is a Freshman this year. Her pet hobby, it seems, is carrying off prizes in all the corn shows she enters. Her father, Jesse Riley, is also an experienced shower and he, also, has won many prizes and ribbons. We sincerely hope she carries off prizes and ribbons every time she enters any contest.

Mr. Wolfe—"What made that awful noise?"

Wilma Shoemaker—"I don't know. I heard a guy in that room say he was going to start dropping fractions."

A wonderful change has been made by the faculty in chewing gum. They have changed the name "Juicy Fruit" to "Forbidden Fruit."

All boys love their sisters,

But I so good have grown;

That I love other's sisters,

Better than my own.—Harold Cultis.

One of the purposes of our High School Parent-Teacher Association is to bring into closer relationship the home and the school that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the pupil and to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every pupil the highest advantage in physical, mental, moral, and spiritual education.

Some parents who are interested and enthusiastic workers in the P. T. A. while their children are in the grade school, drop out of the work when their children enter high school.

The most difficult problems of youth begins to assert themselves at the high school age. As the adolescent youth assumes more responsibility for his conduct he needs the sympathetic, intelligent guidance and companionship of his parents more than any other time in his life.

That we, as parents and teachers may be better guides for our boys and girls we are taking for our study theme, "The Older Child," with topics concerning the health of the high school boy and girl, family life, problems of discipline, cases and the modern child. These topics are sub-divided, and many interesting questions will be discussed. We invite and urge all interested in "The Older Child" to join with us in the study of our common problems.

NEW LIBRARY CARDS

The new library slips are appreciated not only by the librarians, but also by the entire student body.

MAROA RALLIES TO BEAT ST. TERESA

Maroa came back the last quarter to ring up 11 points while holding St. Teresa scoreless to eke out a 26 to 23 win. St. Teresa held the lead all through the game up until the closing minutes when Maroa shot into a lead never to be overcome.

Wilson and Austin topped the scoring for Maroa, ringing up 8 points each while Himes had four to his credit. Hoskinson was high scorer for St. Teresa.

Coach Wolfe used all of his first ten men in the game, using many substitutions. The men used were as follows: Wilson, Himes, Austin, Crouch, Caplinger, Morris, Sterling, Meador, Ogden, and Tozer.

The second team lost to St. Teresa's second team 12 to 7 in a curtain raiser.

ART CLUB

An Art Club has been organized under the supervision of Mr. Keyes. The officers elected were:

- Franklin Caplinger—President.
- Warner Smart—Vice President.
- Betty Potter—Treasurer.

The members are doing sketches with colored chalk and as soon as they have become skillful enough they intend to put on an assembly program. It has been decided that the members pay fifteen cents a month dues as the chalk and paper are expensive. Each person has been assigned a certain period for which he or she may draw what they like. There are about fifteen members in the club. The club also makes posters for different occasions.

The Hi-Y Club, which is a branch of the Y. M. C. A., is to be organized in our high school and boys fifteen to twenty-one are eligible to join. About forty boys have said that they would like to join. -Mr. Keyes is to be the advisor.

The purpose of the club is three-fold. It hopes to build up better spiritual, mental and physical life. It will carry out this work through athletics, social activities, talks and discussion meetings of boy's problems.

The boys belonging to the Hi-Y club have privileges in the Y. M. C. A. building in Decatur by a membership card. They can also attend Y. M. C. A. summer camps.

This club will mean a great deal to boys in our school and they should all do their part in getting it started.

SOPHOMORES IN CHARGE OF ASSEMBLY

Mr. Wolfe's Sophomore home room was in charge of the assembly program on Dec. 2nd. The program was prepared and carried out by the students themselves. Two of the plays were written by the students and the parts were well chosen.

The play, "Why You Should Buy a Season Ticket," created enthusiasm and interest among all of the students.

The program was as follows:

Cornet Solo—Leonard Braden.

Play—"Day After Thanksgiving," Willard Lowry, Helen Dean, Hattie Halicki, Elwood Cooper, Lois Bruson, John Glosser.

Cornet and Bass Duet—Leonard Braden, James Sterling.

Play—"Why You Should Buy a Season Ticket," Twain Fort, Wesley Kincaid, Catherine Berry, Geraldine Hilt.

Reading—"Second Table," Anna Lou Caplinger.

Play—"Tragedy of the Lost Cat," Thomas Bennett, Elwood Berry, Leota Austin, Pauline Larson, Harry Bowden.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

While taking down the scenery Saturday morning, Nov. 14th, after the Junior play, an exciting incident occurred. The scenery, that is, one whole wall, fell down pinning Walter Wheeler beneath it. No serious damage was done to either Walter or the scenery.

MILDRED RILEY WINS ANOTHER PRIZE

Mildred Riley already Corn Queen of Illinois, is now a "Princess" having won that title at the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago. This announcement was made last week during the course of the Exposition.

CHANGE TIME OF LYCEUM NUMBER

The time of the appearance of the King Male Quartet, the fourth number on the Lyceum Course has been changed from January 4th to January, 12th.

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Dorothy Hilt	SEVENTH GRADE
Ileen Stonebraker	Lois Lowery
Billy Schultz	Maxine Riley
Virginia Johnson	EIGHTH GRADE
	Mary Louise Coulter

NEW BOOKS

The grade school received a new shipment of books from the state library. These forty-nine new books were sent for the new reading circle method which we have just taken up.

FIRST BASKETBALL GAME

The grades are all excited over their first game on Dec. 10, 1931. They will play Blue Mound. They are to have new jerseys. They will be blue with white letters. This will set their first game off with a bang.

GLEE CLUB

The glee club was organized two weeks ago under the supervision of Miss Bane. The five upper grades make up the glee club.

TOY ORCHESTRA

The first four grades were chosen for the toy orchestra. It is also under the supervision of Miss Bane. The most talented children were chosen.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

We have had two assembly programs. The first one was given in observation of Armistice Day. It was taken charge of by the four upper grades on Nov. 11th. The other program was given in observation of Thanksgiving, Nov. 25th. It was taken care of by the four lower grades.

After we get our assembly equipped we intend to have programs of this type twice a month. We are glad the board is buying chairs and curtains for this room.

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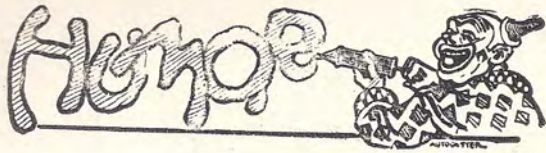
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"Well, I never," was his comment,
"There's a mule that's been in jail."

John Glosser—"Have you felt any change since you got
back from your vacation?"

John Meador—"No, not a nickel"

Maxine Stivers—"Oh, I just happened to think. I can't
play in the orchestra tonight."

Helen Kathryn—"Why?"

Maxine—"My bow is broke."

Helen Kathryn—"Think nothing of it; I'll lend him a
quarter."

Betty Potter—"Do you play the piano by ear?"

Alice Jeanette—"No, by the window, it annoys the neigh-
bors."

Freck—"Rod, are you a good speller?"

Rodney—"I've never seen my equal."

Freck—"How many 'z's" in Missouri?"

STANDARD RECIPE FOR A FLUNK

Take a quart of bluffs, stir in a pound of strained excuses
and add class yells according to taste; roll in an abundance of
athletic enthusiasm, flavor with an abundance of midnight strolls
and parties, then stuff with one night's cramming and serve hot
at end of six weeks.

Genevieve M.—"Miss Garrison, aren't these eggs beat en-
ough, the recipe book says 'beat until stiff.'"

Miss Garrison—"Well, are they stiff?"

Genevieve—"No, but I am."

Mr. Norton—"Twain, what is the longest bone in the
body?"

Twain—"I don't know but I've got it in my head."

Freshman—"What is the faculty?"

Sophomore—"A bunch of people to help the Seniors run
the school."

Mr. Keyes—"Harold, why do you chew on your English
book like that?"

Harold—"Well, I'm just trying to cultivate a taste for li-
terature."

Doris Pride saw a sign, "Save the Surface and You Save
All," and she went home and powdered her face.

Humorous tidbits found by the teachers in our examina-
tion papers this six weeks:

"A sure footed animal is an animal that when it kicks it
doesn't miss.

"Truancy is something that has been proven to be true."

"Blunderbuss is the name the British have given to their
buses."

"What kind of noun is trousers? Uncommon noun be-
cause it is singular at top and plural at the bottom."

The escaphagus is a thing the backbone leans on."

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