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There is a  
Santa Claus!

# The Okato

See You  
Next Year!

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## FIRST QUARTER HONOR STUDENTS ANNOUNCED

### Freshmen Lead Classes, Girls Beat Boys

Seventy students gained a scholastic average of 85% or better for the first quarter ending November 27th, 1925, and are placed on the Honor Roll.

Many are prone to believe that honor comes only to those who have participated in some extra curricular activity. Many students feel that they have achieved success if they represent the school in a Declamatory, Oratorical or Athletic contest, or in case they are some class officer representative. However, on last analysis such is held by the public at large as a secondary consideration in the development of a well rounded individual.

The student who possesses the quality of being placed on the Honor Roll because of mental equipment is in the end the individual who has prepared himself in most instances for future encounters. The seventy people who achieved such an honor in the Oconto High School the first quarter out of a total of 318 are to be congratulated upon the record made.

The Freshman Class leads the classes by having 21 of their members so honored; the Juniors place second with 19, the Sophomores third with 17, and the Seniors fourth with 13. The 70 students so placing on the Honor Roll find the girls with 47 being so selected and the boys with 23.

The names of the students and their class membership are as follows:

#### Freshmen

Rose Auger, Charles Barman, Bernice Burbey, Edward Chosa, Agnes Clausen, Clarence Durand, Margaret Feldt, Mary Gordon, Mary Heroux, Lila Lembecke, Mary McAllister, Everett Olson, Emma Pederson, Lucille Rabe, Margaret Rabe, Ralph Rasmussen, Eugene Riewe, Louis Schroeder, Helen Seipold, Claire Stepman, Guilas Suprise.

#### Sophomores

Marguerite Beaudin, Mable Bloomer, Marcella Burkhardt, Jewel Delano, Daniel Estreen, Grace Ford, Robert Fulton, Eleanor Fumelle, Norman Hass, Edward Hermesen, Eunice Merline, Marjorie Phillips, Jean Riemer, Beatrice Swaer, Henry Vullings, Mary Younger, Milton Youngs.

#### Juniors

Roland Blank, Walter Damkoehler, Earl Erdman, Hazel Grady, Vernetta Greene, Ralph Hansen, Viola Huisman, Ivy Jensen, Beatrice Johnson, Bertha Kent, Helen Laduron, Wilhelmina Lingelbach, Lucretia McFadden, Joyce Miller, Beulah Nichols, Lois Olson, Edmund Phillips, Bernadine Qualley, Chester Wilcox.

#### Seniors

Ben Gordon, Bernice Gordon, Abbie Jane Hall, Beatrice Harris, Eleanor Huss, Ruth Joy, Agnes Mullen, Shirley Nichols, Lovell O'Grady, Laura Perry, Kenneth Rousseau, Clara Vullings, Norman Wachal.

## EXTRA! BIG DEBATE!

### BOYS VS. GIRLS

There is going to be same fun! Norman Wachal, Norman Cole, Victor Couillard, and Roland Blank, members of Holosfacts, have challenged the girls of Philathea to a debate. The girls may pick the subject and set the time. The Holosfacts boys are confident of a victory, but the rest of us are not so sure!

## Greetings

The Okato Staff wishes to extend to all its readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you carry the season's joy and happiness with you throughout the year!

## "CROAKERS CLUB" FORMED IN SENIOR ENGLISH

The Senior English Class, under the supervision of Miss Ream have organized a club, called the Croakers' Club. Every two weeks they meet in the class room and a short program is put on before the class. The president, Shirley Nichols, appoints a program committee consisting of three members. This committee selects people who are suitable for the topics they have chosen and they in turn do the appearing.

On November 25th, 1925, a very interesting program was given under the direction of the committee. The first number consisted of readings by Laura Perry. They were well chosen and well given. Second, Norman Wachal gave "A Dignified Discourse" containing humor and originality. The third number was a contest which would decide who could read a given poem the best, without any preparation. Ione Koch read with the best expression and she was awarded the prize.

The pupils are very much interested in the club work and all help to make it a huge success.

BOOST THE CROAKERS! !!

## "OKATO" STAFF WILL REORGANIZE SOON

There is going to be a change in the organization of "The Okato" staff at the beginning of the year. The two purposes of this change are: to distribute the paper work more evenly, and to add to the efficiency of the staff. The personnel of the staff will be practically the same; the change comes in the work which each will do. New workers will be the News Director or who gives out assignments, Copy Editors who edit material as it is turned in, make up editor, who will make up the dummy of the paper. All editorial staff members other than these and the managing, feature, and humor editors will be reporters. There probably will be room for two or three more reporters. If you are interested in newspaper reporting, drop in to Room 22 and talk it over.

## OCONTO LOSES FAST GAME TO WABENO

Oconto High School should have a good season in basketball for it lost its first game to the Wabeno High School on December 4, 1925, with a score of 21-8. A poor start often is followed by a whirlwind finish.

Our boys gave all they had and time and again worked the ball up under the basket but could not connect for field goals. On free throws their constant practice counted and Madison made two, Cashman two, and Zimmerman one.

The boys were well treated at Wabeno and appreciate that fact.

## Oconto Pounces on Peshtigo Friday For 18-9 Victory

### SENIOR PEP MEETING IS FIRST OF SERIES

#### Original Sketch Adds Fun To Meeting

Basketball has sent out its call for help and the seniors have answered it and have thrown out the lifeline. A pep meeting was held in the Assembly, December 4, 1925, the day of our game with Wabeno, and it was made a rousing success because everyone rallied to the call.

Singing of school songs created an enthusiastic spirit and then the feature of the morning, a pantomime called "The Modern Bluebeard," was presented. Chester Schwedler entered, arrayed in Bluebeard's attire (including the characteristic bluebeard) with his wife, Mable Beaucock, representing Basketball. Bluebeard announced his intentions of going away for a day or two, and handed his wife the keys to the various rooms in the house, but very vigorously pointed out that she was not to open a certain door that he indicated. Then he ceremoniously kissed her hand and left.

Shortly after Bluebeard leaves a few friends, representing Dancing, Bridge, Movies, Gossip, Parties, and Studies tramped in and Basketball was persuaded to open the doors to the various rooms. Finally, having opened all but the forbidden door, she stood undecided before the unopened door while her friends tried to induce her to open it, but she wouldn't and they finally left, deeply disgusted. Then Basketball, not being able to overcome her curiosity, yielded to temptation and—opened the forbidden door! A horrible sight confronted her, for there hung the heads of Bluebeard's seven wives, representing Legion games and other bugbears for our games. Basketball dropped the keys in the blood and fell into a swoon.

In the next act we found Basketball trying in vain to scour the blood from the keys, when Bluebeard entered, again kissed her hand, and then signified that he wished his keys. But his wife, afraid that he would see the blood on them, refused to give them up.

#### Pep Saves Basketball

Bluebeard finally wrenched them from her and, spying the blood on the keys, pulled out his sword and had her at his mercy. Basketball screamed for Sister Ann and Sister Ann, Abbie Jane Hall, representing Pep rushed in and pushed Bluebeard away and then mounted an imaginary tower and scanned the horizon for help. She saw the two brothers, Irvin Schauer and Roland Gering, coming with full speed on their broomsticks, and followed by the Senior Class, who also came clashing in on their broomsticks dressed in odds and ends of everything. Basketball, the sword at the point of being thrust into her heart, was rescued and the blood-thirsty Bluebeard was captured by the two brothers.

Then lusty yells rang forth from the assembly of old O. H. S. and, after the team was presented, Mr. Borgstrom gave a talk and everyone went to third hour classes.

This pep meeting acted as an incentive to the other classes, for they too, are answering the call and are helping the team to win glory for our Alma Mater. Here's to their success!

### BIG STUDENT TURN OUT SUPPORTS TEAM

#### Second Team Plays In Last Quarter

In the first home game of the season Oconto took a well earned game from Peshtigo to the tune of 18-9 before an audience of yelling fans. The score does not indicate the closeness of the game. It was well fought all the way through.

Oconto opened the game with a score before Peshtigo found they were in a big hall. Cashman followed with another basket and the Oconto rooters went wild. Time and again Oconto would work the ball through Peshtigo's defense and because of hard luck would miss a basket. But even with Dame Fortune against them, the Gold and Blue fought like tigers and managed to claw the Peshtigo team to a two to one defeat.

The brilliant shots by Noonan and Cashman in the first quarter resulted in Oconto's early lead. And by clever passing and team work Oconto was able to work the ball into the territory where a short shot was all that was needed to do the trick. Not being satisfied with a small lead Oconto kept on fighting and dropped three baskets in rapid succession in the last quarter.

With five regulars on the bench in part of the last quarter, Coach Borgstrom used a team of reserves against Peshtigo and still the visitors were unable to do any damage to us. Before the reserves had a chance to show their stuff the gun was fired and when the smoke cleared away the score board registered Oconto 18, Peshtigo 9.

The victory of Oconto over Peshtigo was received with wild enthusiasm among the local fans who did not attend the game. Oconto's old time spirit is coming back.

The game was no walk away, for the Peshtigo team put up a good fight and were sportmanlike losers.

#### Neenah Comes Next

Oconto High School is facing one of the hardest schedules it has ever had. Among the teams to be played is our old rival Oconto Falls. This game will be a hard fight and both will try hard for victory because for the last few years Oconto has been taking the Falls Quintette into camp and they are going to try hard to avenge their defeats. The Falls has a strong team, having several of the regulars of last year's team back to (Continued on Page 3)

## UPPER CLASSMEN PLAN FOR JOINT PARTY

The Juniors and Seniors held a joint class meeting Friday evening, December 11, 1925. This meeting was called to decide whether or not the Juniors and Seniors wanted a Joint party. The motion was made and seconded that they have a party. December 23, 1925, was suggested for the date, but because of other community activities and the teachers leaving for home the motion was rejected. Mr. Smith then suggested Friday evening, Feb. 5, 1925. A standing vote was called for, and the motion was carried that we have our party February 5, 1925. Motion was made and seconded that we adjourn.



## SUPT. SMITH TALKS AT SCHOOLMASTERS' MEET

### Education In State On High Plane

"Extra Curricular Activities in Wisconsin High Schools" was the subject of the address given by Supt. H. E. Smith, who has recently been a member of a state committee investigating the true status of outside activities among the school life of Wisconsin boys and girls. This talk was given at the Fox River Valley Schoolmasters' association in Green Bay.

Many activities, according to Mr. Smith, are so numerous as to hinder the proper development of intra-school life, and he firmly believes in the regulation of all so-called "outside" activities under the authority of the secondary school officials.

"The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic association," declared the speaker, "we found to be the best developed of all extra-curricular activities as it is working under a well organized plan, and is completely in the hands of secondary school officials. The representation of the school is demonstrated by the fact that out of 430 high schools in the State of Wisconsin, 411 are members of the W. I. A. A."

"There are many problems unsolved which must be met by this association, mainly, girls' activities, officiating of games, development of track, and secondary basketball games."

"Another such organization is the Wisconsin Band association, controlled by a committee composed of one member from each band. This association selects the place of contests, the judges, and arbitrates disputes between bands."

#### Many Associations Active

"The State High School Forensic association is a consolidation of the State Lyceum association and the Wisconsin debate work. The debate work is now carried on by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Debate league and the Fox River Valley Forensic league."

"The High School Music association has suggested an elimination contest next spring, for the purpose of bringing musical organizations to Madison for competitive contests."

"The Central Interscholastic Press association is a national organization of school publication, and is conducted under the School of Journalism, University of Wisconsin. Conventions are held yearly, at which time many features of the press associations are discussed."

In considering the status of extra-curricular activities today, Mr. Smith believes that the difference in age of high school students compared with ten or fifteen years ago must be taken into consideration.

Mr. Smith added that there was in the state a strong sentiment to dispense with all state championships of any kind.

Among those present at this meeting were Mr. Louis Smith, Mr. Hedberg, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lyons, and Mr. Davis.

Two Hebrews stopped on the street to talk together. One wore a large diamond pin.

"Isaac," said the other, "dot is a fine diamond you have. Vere did you get it?"

"Vell," said Isaca, "my brother died and left \$450 for a stone, dis is de stone."

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The negro preacher was holding a protracted meeting. He was pleading with the sinners to come to the mourners' bench. He spied an eighteen year old negro boy looking around in all directions over the church.

"William," said the preacher, "are you looking for salvation?"

"No, pahson, I'se looking for my sweetheart, Sal Johnson."

## OCONTO TEAM DROPS GAME AT FALLS

### Boys Show Gameness And Fighting Spirit

On December seventeenth, 1925, Oconto was defeated by its ancient rival, Oconto Falls, with a score of six to four. The game was a fight from start to finish and the boys played to the best of their ability throughout the entire game. Playing under the adverse circumstances of a crippled team and a "cracker-box" gym, the team, nevertheless, displayed good defense and offense, although they never managed to connect for any field goals. However, they made most of the free throws count, all four of our points being made by free throws.

The game was called with the following men on the floor: Harold Peterson, center; Jake Goodman and Frank Cashman, forwards; Leonard Murphy and Earl Zimmerman, guards. In the fourth quarter Bob English was substituted for Leonard Murphy.

A large number of backers followed the team to the Falls. The rooting, on the whole, was good, but towards the end of the game the cheer leaders lost their pep, though the rest of the supporters maintained their spirit through the entire game.

## KUZENSKI TALKS TO STUDENT BODY

On November 25, 1925, Mr. Walter Kuzenski addressed the students during the 10:10 period. He took as his subject the timely topic, Thanksgiving, and quoted from "Collier's" the prophecy that this holiday may some day be abolished because of the fact that America, grown enormously powerful, materially, might scorn to acknowledge dependence upon a Diety. The enormous advantages of the modern day student in regard to educational and material advantages as compared with those of other days, were the chief things for which the student of these times had to be thankful, was Mr. Kuzenski's opinion.

## CLUBS UNITE TO GIVE ENTERTAINING PLAY

Philathea and Holosfacts are planning some especially interesting joint meetings this year. The first joint meeting was held Tuesday, December 22, 1925, and it was indeed an interesting meeting. A play called "Christmas on the Grassville Limited" was presented by the following cast:

Uncle Seth Huggins, Norman Wachel; Jacob Schmidt, Lovelle O'Grady; Bill Hawkins, Wm. Ramsay; Joe Stevens, Robert Ford; Rev. Henry Simpson, Charles Fencil; Silas Green, Eugene Riewe; Sam Jackson, Norman Hass; Aunt Malvina Huggins, Ruth Joy; Priscilla Ann Perkins, Wilhelmina Lingelbach; Jenny Pierce, Eleanor Fumelle; Abbie Wright, Marguerite Beaudin; Nora O'Malley, Agnes Mullen; Mrs. Susan Swanson, Shirley Nichols; Mrs. Seth Huggins, Jr., Helen Laduron; Lottie Huggins, Abbie Jane Hall; Minnie Huggins, Clara Vullings.

The Freshman girls who had an average of 80 per cent were admitted into Philathea and the Philatheans are very proud of the new girls they have taken in.

The next meeting of this sort will be a Philathea-Holosfacts debate and promises to be one of interest.

"Mother," asked Johnny when they had guests for dinner, "Will the desert hurt me or is there enough to go around?"

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A boy stood on the burning deck,  
The flames about did roar;  
He took a cake of Ivory soap  
And washed himself ashore.

## SOPHS ENJOY THEIR FIRST CLASS PARTY

Sophomores enjoyed their much discussed first party which was held at the schoolhouse December 18, 1925, from 8:00 o'clock to 11:00 o'clock P. M.

A program was presented by members of the Sophomore class. "The Spirit of Christmas," a short play was given. Mary Kain was the heroine; Carl Westergaard, the hero; Mabel Bloomer, Gretchen, the maid; Anita Hass, Annette; Edward Hermens, Bill; and Daniel Estreen, Bob, the janitor. Jean Riemer gave a reading, "Mandy's Little Christmas Tree." "A Christmas Soliloquy" by Marie Wittkopf, "Pickinny's Christmas," a song, by Eleanor Fumelle and Margaret Beaudin completed the program.

Music, games, and dancing followed the program. The High School Orchestra furnished the music.

Refreshments were served. The Sophomores who put this party over in face of the inertia and opposition of some of their classmates are to be given credit and praise for their efforts.

## GYM CLASSES ARE NOW RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Mr. Borgstrom has been kept busy period after period trying to convince the students that Physical Education is necessary, not only to graduate, but also in order to keep them physically fit and able to meet what the future holds in store for them. The classes are well under way and things are running smoothly in the department.

The Gym work consists of certain exercises on the horses and parallel bars. Marching around the gymnasium and taking arm exercises are other forms of activity. Once or twice a week the classes play games. This makes the periods more interesting and the students like it. You should see them respond when he says, "Count off by two's."

In general one can notice an improvement in the posture, general physical fitness, and alertness of mind in those students who are working hard in physical education.

## "CARAVAN" IS MADE OF MANY TALES

### Reviewer Calls Book Fine Collection

"Like some caravan bearing merchandise of sorts, the tales of a writer wind through the deserts of indifference towards the oasis of public favor. Whether they ever arrive, or drift to death among the shifting sands of popular taste, lies on the knees of the gods—their author has no say. When he has mustered and sent them forth, he may retire and squat afresh on the carpet of vision, having done all he can."

"Caravan," the latest addition to the Junior-Senior book report list, is, in the opinion of this writer, going to arrive safely at the oasis. The book is a collection of the short stories of John Galsworthy written between the years of 1900 and 1923. They are arranged in groups of two according to similarity of subject matter, and are greatly diversified in topic. There is everything from character sketches to murder stories, so the volume should be able to suit every taste.

Galsworthy makes very interesting reading. He has that mysterious power which makes the reader feel and see the people and scenes which he describes so vividly, and one finds one's self tremendously interested without knowing exactly why. One realizes suddenly that one has been so absorbed that the time has flown on wings. The book is recommended to the teachers as a pleasant way to pass the time on the train when they go home. And (shopping note) it would make a lovely Christmas gift.

An officer of the law noticed a shaky looking individual hanging on to a lamp post. He walked up to him and asked what was the trouble.

"Oh, I'm all right, Ossifer. Asked this guy ter take me home and he tried to walk erway."

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Hobo—No, I wouldn't, you make your own wishes.

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And the Freshmen shall lead them!

Not only in pep meetings does this hold true but also in unraveling mysteries. For who should win the two pound box of candy but Guilis Suprise, the infant who was kidnapped by Mr. Borgstrom at the Freshmen Pep meeting.

Each theme in the contest was given a number which took the place of the author's name. Miss Shepherd, who very kindly offered to judge the stories said that of the conclusions submitted the one below most carefully picked up and unravelled the threads of suspicion which were so tangled in the other chapters. Ruth Joy wrote chapters one and two.

Come to Room 22 for your candy, Guilis.

### A THIEF IN THE NIGHT.

#### CHAPTER 3.

Mr. Emery sent the office girl for Mr. Garry and Miss Wheeler.

They entered and Mr. Garry was all smiles as if he knew all about it.

"I know it's that Radway. Don't you see he isn't at school today? And that James Mara is a terrible sneak," said the smiling Garry.

"I should like to know on what authority you speak," from Mr. Emery.

"I don't see that you need more evidence on those two boys. They are regular sneaks; look at Radway in Miss Wheeler's desk and Mara says he passed here that Friday night and then tried to smooth it as if it was a mistake. Because he didn't mean to say it."

"Well, Garry, you seem to be well informed. There was no one but Mara and I in here. You must have been by my door before you found Radway as I am sure I didn't confide to you."

Mr. Emery then went to the telephone, gave the number, and was talking hurriedly. "Is that so? Well come right over." He then phoned another and carried on nearly the same conversation.

In less than ten minutes two breathless boys rushed into the room. When Mr. Garry saw them, he turned a little pale and then seemed busy with something on the table in front of him. But the principal saw him nevertheless.

"Well, boys, how can you account for this? Why didn't you come to school before I called?" asked the principal.

The boys looked at each other, then at Mr. Garry. At that moment there was some one coming down the hall. This person hesitated before the door. Then Jenny stood before them. Mr. Garry gasped and before any one could prevent it he was gone.

"I thought so," said Mr. Emery. He then dismissed Miss Wheeler. Mr. Emery with Jenny, James and Richard talked on till the ten ten period.

A serious looking principal faced the pupils who were all anxious to hear what he was going to say.

### CHRISTMAS GOODIES ARE MADE BY COOKERY A

The Freshman cooking class has been doing its share towards raising money for the new buffet. Their last scheme for raising money was selling doughnuts. Each girl in the class made and sold two dozen doughnuts.

They have also been busy making Christmas cakes and cookies. If you had peeked in some night after 3:30 you would have seen dainty little cakes, prettily decorated with colored icing molded into tiny roses and other ornaments. The week preceding Christmas will be spent in making Christmas candy and packing Christmas boxes for gifts.

The Sophomore sewing class have been working hard on their dresses. The girls plan to put on an exhibit to which their mothers will be invited. It will be a style show on a small scale and serve as a practical demonstration of the excellent work the girls have been doing.

"I fear I can't keep my word as the guilty one has gone. I hope no one will ever see him again. I shall start at the beginning so everything will be clear. Last Friday night there was a figure that came into school, it was Mr. Garry. He was seen by James Mara. First of all Jenny was the last one in school, she was so positive of it that I thought she knew more about it than any one, and I was right. The three that knew anything confessed. Jenny took the theme out of John's desk.

But it was not for herself. Mr. Garry told her how he hated John to get the prize and tried to talk Jenny into helping him. But Jenny deceived him, she took it so Mr. Garry couldn't get it. He rather suspected it and came back after it Friday night. As it was gone he thought Jenny was with him. Last night I came back to my office and while I was working I heard footsteps upstairs. When I got to the head of the stairs I stumbled over a bundle. I then went into the room, switched on the light but couldn't see any one. I went to the far corner and when I did some one rushed out of the door. It was Mr. Garry. I looked for the bundle; it was gone.

"This morning Jenny enlightened me. Mr. Garry wanted the essay typed over so he brought his machine to the building as Jenny wouldn't type it anywhere else. James and Richard also believed in Jenny's story because they watched the whole thing last night. They also tell me Mr. Garry had a nephew that he was going to send the essay to. He also called Radway and Mara to stay home so they would appear to be guilty.

"I think that it's enough for today. I hope it won't happen again."

"Here, John, is your essay. Jenny kept it perfect for you and I hope you get the prize."

"Isn't he the snail's shirt waist to put it that way?" said Jenny. Guilis Suprise.

### OCONTO POUNCES ON PESHTIGO. FRIDAY FOR 18-9 VICTORY

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carry their colors and try to bring a successful season to their school.

After we get through with Oconto Falls and Neenah we face the acid test when we meet the strong West Green Bay and Shawano teams. Both have played several games and were among the runners up in the last year's tournaments. Shawano has lost several men but still has a team of experienced men.

West Green Bay always has been a good team and Oconto men will have to put all they have in the effort to cap these two games which some one after another.

By January 29, 1925, Oconto will be in mid-season form and will have a chance of taking the strong DePere team into camp.

On the last lap of our schedule we meet Oconto Falls again on our own floor. This will be the game of games because one thing the Falls has never done yet is to beat us on our own floor.

After the Falls we meet West DePere again in what is expected to be an interesting game and last, but not the least, is the big game with Shawano, which is the strongest aggregation in this section of the state. From there we journey on the Good Ship "Tournament." Maybe.

### CARTOONISTS INVITED TO "DO THEIR STUFF"

When the call for students interested in cartooning was sounded, thirty students responded. They were all tried to find out which one had the best talent. A subject to draw was given to them. When the students brought back their specimens it was found that some talent was shown. Miss Noble agreed to give two or three lessons in ink drawings to better their drawing ability. Fifteen signed up to take these lessons. No cartoons are shown in this issue, but it is hoped that some good student cartoon will be in following issues.

Probably no particular cartoonist will be appointed, so any student in school who thinks he can draw and who likes to do so, is invited to submit his work.

The only requirement is that the cartoon may be based on idea of interest to the school in general.

DR. EARL A. LINGER

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## WHAT IS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?

In barbaric splendor they moved slowly across the desert, bearing the first gifts of Christendom.

But the news of the Christ Child had already spread and by the time the Magi, those three mysterious strangers from the East, had arrived at Bethlehem people from all the surrounding country had come out to add their meagre gifts to those of the Wise Men.

One old lady, Befana by name, who lived near Bethlehem, did not join her neighbors in their welcome to the three Kings from the East. She excused herself by saying that she was too busy, and, anyway, she could see them when they returned.

The Wise Men, however, returned by a different route, and Befana, as the legend goes, still sits by the road to Bethlehem waiting for their return. Haggard and bent with age she wanders around at Christmas time searching for the Three Kings. But her search has always been in vain—and never has she known the true Christmas spirit.

What is the true Christmas spirit? Is it merely a rejoicing for all the gifts which we receive? That does play a big part today but the real spirit of Christmas makes you want to do things for others and make them happy.

There are so many opportunities that present themselves in this way, which are not in the form of expensive gifts. Give the Christmas spirit a chance and it will suggest innumerable practical ways in which even the humblest can, by spending little, buy for others a wealth of happiness.

Another way of expressing the Christmas spirit is to hold good will in your hearts toward others.

Peace on earth, good will toward man! Doesn't that put a glow in your heart and make you feel good all over when you hear that saying which is so old and yet will always be heard?

Good-will is perhaps the most important factor in the Christmas spirit, for without the desire to be a friend of man, one could hardly wish to bring happiness to others. If we are too busy, like Befana in the legend, to share in the happiness of others, it is our hard luck to miss completely the true spirit of Christmas.

This is a spirit which may not be expressed only at Christmas time, but may be made manifest throughout the entire year. Nothing gives you more satisfaction than to know that you bear no ill-will against anyone, and no one bears malevolence against you.

What a happy and peaceful world this would be if good-will were practiced by everyone! It isn't possible, but we can at least try it and see if more happiness isn't the result.

## LOST AND FOUND

How much respect have you for other people's property? What do you do when you find a book—or lose one?

When you find something which belongs to someone else, think of the other fellow and try to get it back to him. If you cannot discover the owner, take it to the office where it may be claimed.

On the other hand, if you have lost something, it is up to you to put forth every effort to find it by asking at the office having its loss announced and generally advertising it yourself.

All this trouble, of course, would be avoided if we took better care of our belongings. But a little cooperation would do much toward lessening the number of lost articles.

## SENIOR CLASS STUDIES AND WRITES ESSAYS

Senior English Class which meets first period has been reading "Self Reliance" and "Friendship" by Emerson. Discussion of these topics have been carried on and many of the Seniors have written their ideas. This is what one Senior thinks of Friendship.

**The Palace Of My Friendship**  
"The only way to have a friend is to be a friend." Upon this quotation I have unconsciously built the palace of my friendship. Nor do I feel that I have built my foundation upon the sand, for as long as I remain a friend I feel confident that I shall have a friend.

One with whom I may be sincere, one to whom I may give up my innermost thoughts, one with whom I may share my laughs and tears—joys and disappointments—that is what "friend" means to me. A wonderful thing it is to know that there is one who will stand by you through fire and water, through "thick and thin!"

I have such a friend. She is always faithful—always ready to respond to my mood. She is my ideal of friendship. She unconsciously inspires me to try and be more like her—to acquire her good qualities. However, our friendship is not well-balanced. I am the worse half of it. I am not her ideal of friendship. I have no good qualities that she could wish to acquire—I am no inspiration to her. But, as poor a friend as I am, I rejoice that I am a friend and have a friend!

## PERSONALS

On December 4, 1925, the members of the Alligators' Garters Club celebrated the fourth anniversary of their organization. The occasion was observed by a party at the home of Ruth Joy.

Miss Graaskamp paid the scandalous price of \$5.50 for a pair of Zippers. The strain of parting with so much money caused a slight illness on the ninth of this month. Mr. Lease substituted for her.

Miss Noble was ill on December 17, 1925.

Raymond Zimmerman, Allan Wittkopf, Lina Mae MacFarlane, Ethel Maloney, Helen O'Herrin, Dagmar Rasmussen, Hazel Wittkopf, Landis Maloney, and Pat Halloran spent their Thanksgiving recesses in Oconto, and took enough time to pay us a visit.

## ORCHESTRA WORKS HARD TO IMPROVE HARMONY

Since Mr. Davis began to bring his big baritone home, the orchestra has been improving greatly. The introduction of new music has aided much in keeping up the orchestra, which has been practicing quite regularly. The boys have not played publicly yet this year but are preparing so as to be ready when asked. Several of the members of the Orchestra played at the Senior Pep Meeting. With more practice we will soon have fine ten-piece organization.

### Freshmen Taking Lessons

Mr. Davis expects to introduce into the Orchestra several new members which have taken up instrumentation. These are mostly Freshmen who will make the future Orchestra for the High School.

These would-be members are taking lessons from Mr. Glass of Peshtigo who comes once a week and gives half hour lessons to all who wish to take them. These lessons cost twenty-five cents which is very cheap, considering the amount learned when taking them. Those who are now taking lessons will become members of the Orchestra next spring. We hope they turn out well.

## REVIEWER CALLS "IRON HORSE" GOOD HISTORY

### Lauds Realism and Pathos Of Movie

Last month, dear readers, I mentioned in my review that the movies offered an excellent field for furthering education in a very interesting manner. After seeing "The Iron Horse," I repeat my statement. "The Iron Horse" is a good picture, not only for its free acting but because of the historical significance it has for us. It should be especially interesting to American History students, for it deals with the building of the first transcontinental railroad in America.

"The Iron Horse" contained so many good parts, that it is difficult to know just where to begin. The acting was excellent. One gasped with horror when one saw the little boy watch the Indians tomahawk his father, and shout with laughter at the three musketeers, Sergeant Slattery, Corporal Casey, and Private Schultz. One felt tears close to the surface when Sergeant Slattery was killed in an attack by the Indians, and one's heart ached for Davy Brandon at his misunderstanding with his sweetheart.

### Beautiful Sets Used

As the picture progressed, I was more and more impressed by the beauty of the scenery. The action of the play was swift and I didn't get many chances to dwell for any length of time on the beauty of the scenes. One or two shots showing a herd of cattle being driven across the plains were especially good.

The picture was unlike most of the pictures portraying the development of the west in that the directors never once lost sight of the fact that the main idea of the play was the building of the Union Pacific Railroad. Several pictures, which might have been good once, were made boring and uninteresting because the characters in the play were given too much prominence. While the acting was excellent in most cases, the individual was seldom given much prominence.

The technical director made two mistakes, however, which were visible to anyone at all versed in mechanics. In that day of dinky little engines their locomotives were run with oil, and were equipped with air brakes. Otherwise, the picture is as flawless as any I have ever seen.

## COMMERCIAL NOTES

The Junior Typewriting classes have begun five minute speed tests. As a result of last week's test Vernetta Green leads with highest rate, Marion Frease with second, and Leslie Gering with third.

In the senior typewriting tests, Marion Housner, Viola Olson, Shirley Nichols, and Eleanor Huss made the highest scores in last week's test.

In the senior shorthand class Eleanor Huss, Ann Clement, and Clara Vullings have the highest rate in transcription work.

A Special Opportunity Class was started in the commercial geography class, by Mrs. Klotzsky. It is held after school for the purpose of helping the freshmen study their lessons but some would rather fail than stay and get help.

## PHILATHEA

A Philathea meeting was held Thursday, December 11, in Miss Dennis' room and the following program was presented: Some songs were given by a number of girls; a duet was played by Jean Reimer and Marguerite Beaudin, and a talk, "My Trip to Madison" was given by Ruth Joy.



## :-: YULETIDE TALES :-:

### A CHRISTMAS STORY

Many years ago in the north country lived an old peasant and his wife. He was no "Happy-go-lucky" but an exceptionally good worker though he had as yet no results from his hand labor, and they still lived in a rude little log cabin. It was nearing Christmas and he did not know how to provide the gifts that his children were expecting.

About two days before Christmas, he set out with his rifle and ax to chop wood. Not very far away, he found a perfect Christmas tree. "Ah ha," he cried, "I shall be able to give my children a tree after all."

So he chopped it down. Then he regretted it, for it was, as he knew, the only fir tree in this forest of hardwood. However, he set it aside, and resumed his task of chopping wood. In a short time he had sufficient wood to return, so he tied the wood to his back and set out dragging the Christmas tree, the ax and the rifle.

He had not gone far when out from the thicket leaped a silver fox. He dropped the wood, tree and ax, but raised the rifle and covered the fox. On it came silently, steadily. He waited, hidden in the bushes, and when the fox was near enough,—"Bang! Bang!" The fox rolled over, dead.

Then near him he heard a little whimpering sound, and found a hole below a stump. From this came the noise, and crowded in this hole were three young silver foxes. The three small foxes stumbled out, one after another, on their wobbly legs, and ran to their mother, sniffed and whimpered to her. Alas,—she was dead.

Now as he leaned against a tree watching the foxes, he felt a sticky substance on his hand, and investigating found a smear of honey on the bark of the tree near a hole. Hurriedly he set to work to chop down the tree and—"Glory be—it contained four or five gallons of fine honey."

He now had honey, a tree, meat from the dead fox, nuts which he had found days before in a squirrel hole, and best of all, live Christmas presents,—the young silver foxes. It took several trips to get all home from the woods, but he was so happy he did not notice the work at all.

Christmas morning came and was there ever a happier group of children than this peasant's family? Each had a pet fox,—"Just what we wanted," plenty of nuts, and honey on fine pancakes for breakfast.

For dinner, the huge fox, done to a turn, was placed before them. And they ate! The father got nearly two hundred dollars for the pelt, and it furnished food and clothes for the family, and enabled him to get a job. But the children were happy with their young foxes, watching them scampering and playing about the cabin.

### A CHRISTMAS IN CAMP

In a little city in the northern part of Wisconsin stood a small church. This church had offered a prize for the best Christmas tree and Raymond and Chester Smith had determined to win the prize.

Now this little city had once been surrounded with stately forests, but as the forests receded, fine Christmas trees became scarce. Out at the city limits a scrubby woods stood but it had long been ravaged by the tree hunters, and there was no hope of finding even a fair tree in it.

Their father operated a lumber camp far in the northern woods, and today he was sending the Christmas mail to the camp.

"Father," begged the boys, "May we go to the camp with the mail and try for a tree there?"

"I see no reason why you should not go, and Otto will help you get the tree to the train."

After leaving the train, they went through cut-over land, where only scrub pine, poplar and birch grew. Soon they were drawing near their destination, and in a short time the train pulled in at the station. Their friend, Otto Olsen, was already there with the team and buckboard. When all the various packages were loaded on, they started off through the deep snow.

"Oh, Mr. Olsen," exclaimed one of the boys, "what kind of an animal is that? A bear! See him up in that tree?"

"Yes sir, that's a full grown bear, lots of them around the lake lately." All the way the boys were confusing the old man with questions about things that were near to them. Finally they arrived at the camp and it was nearly supper time, so the boys went in with Otto and washed up. Soon the locomotive pulled in and the crew jumped off and went in to supper. At the supper table the boys, who were used to table manners were greatly interested in watching the men eat. It took the heartiest eater from four to five minutes to eat.

However, the boys made away with their own share.

When the boys looked around and saw the dishes, they said, "Gee!, it must take them until midnight to do these dishes. Maybe we better help them."

However, they were greatly surprised at the speed in which they were done. After the meal they lay around, told stories or smoked, and went to bed about half-past seven. The boys went to sleep in the bunk above the foreman. Just after the boys went to bed, it began to snow and the wind among the pines soon put them to sleep. During the night the snow came down steadily and the wind had piled huge drifts between the houses. In the morning they were snowed in. The cook who slept in the cooking house, dug them out after working hard an hour or more. The men could not go to the woods that day because the locomotive was nearly covered with snow, but the men had to shovel out the barn and the other buildings. The two boys were more interested in the cooking so they stayed in the cooking house all morning. At noon Otto came with the other men.

"Aren't the men going to the woods at all today?" inquired Chester.

"No, no," said Otto, "we won't go out today."

"When will we get our Christmas tree? The day after tomorrow is Christmas."

"We will see if we can get one this afternoon."

After dinner the boys and Otto set off down the logging road. After a while they came to a place where a lot of Christmas trees were growing. After making a lot of choices, they selected a beautiful tree with a spiral top and drooping branches.

It was a heavy tree, but they managed to carry it back to camp. They left the tree by the bunk house and went in to get warm.

One of the boys said, "we can't get to town today and tomorrow is Christmas. We will be too late with our tree."

"I'll tell you what we will do," said Raymond. "Let's fix up the tree in the bunk house and put all those packages we brought from the station around the bottom of the tree." This was heartily approved of and the boys set to work. When it was time for the men to come in and go to bed, the boys with the help of Otto put the tree in the shed in the back of the building. The men came in and were soon asleep. The boys and Otto lay in bed until they thought the men were asleep. They then

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## HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DROPS THIS YEAR

### Type Of Work Done Shows Improvement

The High School enrollment at the end of the first quarter is the lowest that it has been at any time during the past six years. There were 318 students enrolled at the end of the first quarter, although the gross enrollment was practically the same as it was a year ago.

Many contributory causes are responsible for the decrease. The economic situation is readily detected in High School enrollment. The forced closing caused students to seek employment and then to remain at work instead of returning to school. The natural normal drops added their toll with the result that the enrollment is much less than last year, or for the past number of years. The degree of work accomplished is of a different nature with the result that there are fewer students failing in one subject or more than was the case last year at the same time.

The Sophomore class leads the school by having the least number of failures among its membership. The Freshman Class ranked second, the Seniors third and the Juniors fourth, or last. The status of affairs at this time of the year gives every indication of marked improvement in scholarship. It is also hoped that the value of school will so interest and attract students to cause them to remain in school and complete their education. The faculty is working to exert every influence possible to require the highest type of efficiency and to make up the lost time encountered during the first quarter.

It is highly probable that the normal time for students to drop school, which is the last part of the year, will find the students remaining, and that we have experienced the greatest number of withdrawals at the end of the first quarter.

The continued co-operation of all parents is earnestly solicited to assist the faculty in giving training in light of modern day methods.

### FRESHMAN CLASS NOTES

The Freshmen boys have made Andy Gump Smoking Stands for their fathers.

Mary Gordon has returned to school after an absence of several days because of sickness.

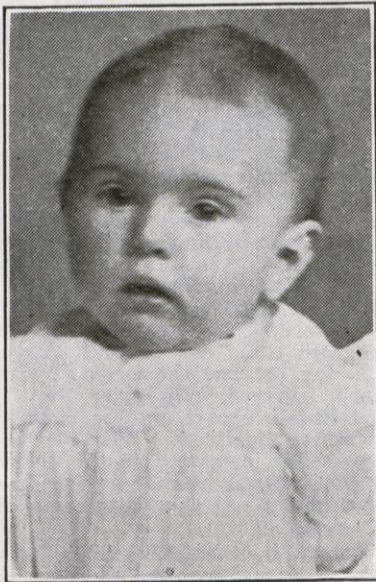
Harry Aronson, Milton Deacon, Edward Chosa, Francis Noel, William O'Connor, and Harold Deacon play on the second basket ball team.

Willard Robinson has left school. He will live in Prairie du Chien with his brother.

Earl Wittkopf was absent several days because of the death of his grandmother.

Florence Alstear took part in a program held during ten-ten period last week.

Jerome Parisey will be the leading man in the school operetta. Layton Bryce is one of the cast too.



## Aren't They Cunnin'?

Have you identified the two pictures in last month's paper? Well, who are these three? Get your wits to working and win a prize! Remember the rules that go with the contest and follow them out!

Come on, everybody, who is going to win?

### A CHRISTMAS IN CAMP

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went to the shed and brought out the Christmas tree. They set up the tree in the middle of the room. They decorated the tree with candles which they had obtained from the cook. Then the packages which they had brought from the station, were laid around the bottom of the tree.

The next morning the men were awakened by the sound of an accordion. When they looked up they saw Otto sitting by the tree playing his accordion.

The men leaped out of bed and ran to the Christmas tree each eager to discover what was in his package. The morning was spent in merry-making and sports. At noon the hungry men found a very delicious meal spread on

the dining room table.

After the meal had been finished the foreman came up to the boys and said, "Boys, I guess we are sorry you couldn't get to town, but you sure gave us a surprise."

"We thought we might as well make use of the tree. We want to thank you for the good time we've had."

Neil Fulton.

Ben Gordon—Isn't it funny that a black cow eats green grass and gives white milk which makes yellow butter?

Marvin H.—Yes, and isn't it funny that a black berry is red when it's green?

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## RHETORIC PROGRAMS ARE LAUNCHED!

### First Public Speaking Numbers Given With Great Success

Remember that terrible day when Mr. Smith informed the student body that each and everyone of us would have to appear before the Main Room once before the year was over? We couldn't believe it, could we? But it has come true. That "once" has arrived and gone for some, happy creatures!

Miss Ream, besides teaching Dramatics and English, has charge of the rhetoric classes too, and has to see to it that every student appears before the Main Room. This is a big task. We all realize that Miss Ream is going to have to work hard, and as we certainly don't want our little teacher to get stoop-shouldered or develop brain paralysis, we are all trying to be cheerful when our time comes.

#### Thanksgiving is First Topic

The first program Miss Ream arranged was given by the dramatics and Freshmen public-speaking classes, on Nov. 28, 1925, the Saturday after Thanksgiving—a solace for having to go to school on Saturday. Marion Lindgren introduced the speakers. The first on the program was "A Pilgrim's Thanksgiving Told By One." This was given by Margaret Rabe, who carried out the atmosphere of her story by appearing in the costume of a Pilgrim. It was very interesting to hear how those Pilgrims had felt about that first Thanksgiving. The second was a short sketch of a Thanksgiving poem given by Agnes Clausen. These girls are only Freshmen, and they certainly did very well and were a credit to Miss Ream. The last number of the program was an original "Thanksgiving Tale," by Norman Wachal of the Dramatics class. It was very amusing and especially interesting, because he had composed it himself. The program was a huge success and the school enjoyed it very much.

#### Sketch From Life

The second program, given Dec. 2, 1925, was given in order to point out the value and benefit rhetorics are to us. Arthur Fabry had charge of the program and introduced the students. Hazel Gady first gave an interesting talk on rhetorics and brought out what they will do for us. Beatrice Drafz was second and she gave us some points in speaking that we should observe or avoid, and said a few words about each. The last part of the program was given by five girls as a lesson on the value of being prepared. Joyce Miller conducted this little act. The first two girls, Beatrice Harris and Florence Alstuer were prepared, and gave their poems easily and well. The other two, Marguerite Beaudin and Mary Younger, were unprepared and they stumbled and had to refer to their books. This was to serve as a lesson to us, to remind us to be prepared, or run the risk of being laughed at. This concluded the program and as we passed to third hour classes, we discussed the success of this program and decided rhetorics had some good points.

#### Hobby Day

The third program was given December 7, 1925. The talks were on hobbies and the values of having them. Beulah Nichols introduced the speakers. Helen Laduron gave the first talk on, "The Hobbies of two Famous Women." She told about Sally Lincoln and Harriet Beecher Stowe and their hobbies. Next was Robert Fulton whose hobby was being "Repair Man About the House." He told how to make a steam roller and gave a few amusing instances of when he was a repair man. The third was a talk on "Reading" by Beatrice Johnson. She told a little bit about the life of her favorite author and about some of the books she had read and enjoyed. Earl Gering's hobby was skating. He brought out the healthfulness of having an out-door hobby and the enjoyment one gets out of it. The last was a talk by Abbie Jane Hall entitled "A Mixture." She gave us a little bit of everything in a very entertaining way. This concluded the program and if the future programs are as successful as these have been, we will have a happy year listening to the speeches. Mr. Lyons has promised us to try and get the faculty to tell about their hobbies, but I'll bet they can't beat us!

### FINE PROGRAM GIVEN FOR P. T. A. GROUP

The Parent-Teachers' Association of the O. H. S. met Tuesday, December 1, 1925. There was a short business meeting, which was followed by a very entertaining program. The Holosfacts Society under the direction of Miss Shepherd gave an amusing play called "A First Class Hotel." Norman Wachal, Daniel Estreen, Norman Cole, and Henry Vullings took part in it. Mrs. Lulu Fumelle arranged the musical numbers. Jean Reimer and Marguerite Beaudin played a piano duet, Mrs. Fumelle gave a reading and a pianologue, Mrs. Fumelle and Mary Heroux played a piano duet, and Clarence Meincke gave a violin solo accompanied by Mrs. Fumelle on the piano. Everyone enjoyed these numbers and all were grateful to Mrs. Fumelle for arranging it.

After the meeting was adjourned refreshments were served by the

### FRESHMAN CLASS PUTS ON CLEVER PEP MEET

Are the class and its advisors wide-awake?

The school knows it.

The Class of 1929 was the first to accept the challenge of the seniors for a pep meeting. In the class meeting held to discuss a stunt and to learn the school yells and songs, the committee on arrangements was appointed. It consisted of: Mildred Zutter, Rose Auger, Harry Aronson, Edward Chosa, John Harvey, the class president, and Miss Ream.

A take-off on a basket-ball audience was decided upon. The cast of characters was as follows:

First-comers, Wilmer Armstrong and James Murphy; Rah! Rah Girls, Lucille Rhoades, Erma Destiche, Thelma Jarvey and Pearl Gordon; Basket Ball Fans, Milton Deacon, Charles Barman; Mama and Johnnie, Margaret Feldt, Emma Pedersen; Comb Orchestra, Mary Heroux, Marion Maloney, Dorothy Herald, John Harvey, Louis Schroeder, Joseph Everett, Rich-

Freshmen girls cookery classes. The "eats" were delicious and everyone was agreeably surprised at the ability of these girls.

ard Fingel, Clarence Durand; Peppy Three, Mildred Zutter, Rose Auger and Lila Lembcke; Charlie and Lil, Marguarite Belanger, and Edward Chosa; And last but not least, Bill and Babe, Guilis Surprise and Howard Gunderson.

The stunt surely won the high approval of the upper classmen. Even some of the Seniors had to acknowledge that it took the Freshmen to put things across.

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## DELEGATES GO TO PRESS MEET AT MADISON

Upon arriving home the Monday after our trip to Madison, the first question hurled at us by our various friends and relatives was, "Did you have a good time?"

Of course we had a good time. That was one of the minor reasons why we went, the main object being to get new ideas for our paper.

But I will start from the beginning and tell everything we did. We started Thanksgiving afternoon at two o'clock but did not get into Madison until nine-thirty. On the way down we met a big crowd of delegates from Appleton and spent most of the time discussing the good and bad points of our papers; and, incidentally Miss Miller told all of their fortunes by their palms (and by her imagination) and everybody was happy.

Upon leaving the Madison depot, we went immediately to the Madison Central High School and registered after which we performed such minor (?) details as eating and getting Francis to the fraternity house where he was to stay. Then we two remaining delegates hid ourselves over to our room.

The next morning found us at the Central High at nine-thirty. It was here that all of the meetings and sessions were held. After attending the general session, we consulted our program book and found that there were no meetings to interest Miss Miller or me, so we proceeded on a tour of the campus and attended a part of a lecture given by Prof. Fish.

That afternoon we had the privilege of listening to Dr. Glenn Frank, former editor of the Century Magazine and now president of the University of Wisconsin. His talk was on "Significant Phases of American Journalism."

Friday evening at six-thirty was the Convention Banquet. The delegates were given caps and favors and attempting to outdo the others in yelling and cheering. An excellent vaudeville followed after which we all adjourned to Lathrop Hall where the Convention Ball took place.

The next morning and afternoon were devoted to sectional meetings. At five-thirty we boarded the train for Racine, Miss Miller's home. The next morning we two Ocontoites were shown the Big city of Racine and were in the meantime told how inferior Oconto was to it. We came back with the statement that Oconto did not raise people who blew up everybody they had a grudge against. (They do—in Racine).

## HI! ALL SOPHOMORES! PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

A meeting of the Sophomore Class was called on December 11, 1925, to plead once more for dues. The Christmas party, which was planned for December 18 almost could not be given for nearly half of the class had not paid their dues at that time.

A committee of four was appointed and a list of names given to each person. Those appointed were: Robert Fulton, Eleanor Fumelle, Margery Phillips and Orville Cain who will collect the dues from the persons on their respective lists.

The motion was made to have a pep meeting but this only proved that cooperation is a word unknown to the Sophomore Class. The right spirit wasn't shown when half of the class rejected the motion.

Sophomores! Take an example from the Freshmen who put over their stunt on Friday, the 11th with such pep and enthusiasm and no doubt helped win the game Friday night. Surely you're not going to let them get ahead, of you. Indeed not! We're all going to "hang together" hereafter and show the rest of the school that we're not slackers.

Come on Sophomores! let's go!

## CALL FOR ORATORS AND DECLAIMERS SOUNDED

Declamatory and oratory meetings for all the boys and girls in high school have been called by Miss Ream to arouse enthusiasm for the coming contests. It will be possible to have a representative in the state tournament this year if everyone responds and helps to put the first meetings across.

Miss Ream has formulated a plan for arousing school spirit this year, by arranging class contests. Each class had been headed by two chairmen, one as a leader for declamatory, the other for oratory. The following chairmen have been appointed: Seniors, Abbie Jane Hall; Juniors, Bernadine Qualley; Sophomores, Marguerite Beaudin; Freshmen, Florence Alstuer. For Oratory the following boys were selected: Seniors, Lovell O'Grady; Juniors, Norman Cole; Sophomores, Daniel Estreen; Freshmen, Jerome Parisey.

Come on, everybody! Join in these contests! Perhaps you have a talent that you have never discovered. Help our gold and blue to fly still higher! Help her send a winner to Madison!

## FRESHMAN PEP MEETING IS A KNOCKOUT

"Oconto ran off with Peshtigo, eh?"  
"How is that?"  
"The best team won."  
"Why? Was Oconto the best team?"

"Well, the freshmen gave the team the pep. You should have seen them. They were a happy, peppy bunch."

"What was it all about?"

"Well, you see the Seniors put on the first pep meeting. They got the ball started and the freshmen said they would not be the last to put their shoulder to the ball even if they were termed 'underclassmen.'"

"Well, you see they had the auditorium stage arranged like the bleachers at the armory, and the freshmen entered as they would at the armory. They just knew that Oconto was going to win. One Frosh said that, 'The Peshtigo team was a—a you know—had an upstairs for rent—I mean empty.'"

He knew what he was talking about when he said that. You know how Freshmen are!

Mr. Davis then led the school in some real songs and those freshmen sure did sing. They have real pep."

"I believe they are guilty of eating chili con carne, or else they are Mexicans."

"Maybe, but they are a peppy bunch anyhow. Well then, they showed everybody how to CHEER and YELL."

Next each member of the team said a few words. AND THEN Mr. Borgstrom walked off with the prize baby but luckily he was overtaken shortly and the prize regained by "Gundy."

Our second coach, Mr. Smith, was called upon to say a few words and he said that the first team was the main attraction but we should see the second team play also. He said the second team was not the "Puddle Rollers" or "Holy Jumpers" but a group of underclassmen who are backbone of next year's team. Of course they have to beat the East Green Bay Juniors, don'tcha know.

But Mr. Borgstrom didn't get away from the freshmen as easily as it was first thought because he was called upon the second time and delivered an excellent piece of extemporaneous oratory on the hard practice the team has been going through. In the meanwhile "Gundy" was guarding the baby carriage. Mr. Borgstrom then resumed his dignified position among the teachers at the rear of the room.

The pep revival ended with Arthur Fabry's leading the upper classmen in a yell for the freshmen.

Sol Aronson, the Freshmen yell leader, conducted the meeting and did so very ably.

## STUDENT DREAMS OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL

One drowsy afternoon late in May, I, not wanting to sleep on such a beautiful day, decided to take a walk. After a short stroll I came to a large, low tan brick building. It attracted me so I walked into it, up the stairs, and finally saw a large room partially filled with young people studying. This room was in keeping with the rest of the building and was beautifully new, bright and unmarred, and most attractive. The drapes on the windows were in contrast to the walls and hung in soft folds. A large spacious stage formed one end of the room. The seats in the room were of some attractive dark wood, with high backs and large, convenient arms.

Was this a school? The room looked like an assembly hall, but what a contrast it was when I compared it with the O. H. S. I remembered. There was no teacher in the room, but the faces of the students were familiar, in a way. I had seen all these seniors before, but never as I saw them now! They were studying! And no gum or candy in their jaws to help them! No whispering! Not even a wink. Oh! What an ideal group of students! What a beautiful school!

Suddenly I was roused by a disturbance in one corner. A boy was sobbing as though his heart would break. What had happened?

"If only I had thought," he cried. "Now my perfect record is spoiled. And just because I forgot myself and chewed gum in assembly! My heart will break!"

## FROSH REPORTER SETS O. K. ON HARRY

And have you heard of our capable and peppy cheer leader, who leads not only the class but O. H. S. as well? He is Harry Aronson, who certainly put the fighting spirit into our class when we were called before the student body to display our lung capacity. How we cheered! But we wouldn't have done half as well if Harry hadn't been in front of us, urging us on. He made us cheer until we could cheer no louder! Why, we can make just as much noise as the whole school and we owe it to Harry.

Three Cheers for Harry! !  
Upper classmen, aren't you just a tiny bit jealous and envious? Don't you wish you had Harry as a member of your class?

Irate employer—"Late again; have you ever done anything on time?"  
Clerk—"I bought a car."

He lifted his head and I saw it was—  
Clarence Becker.  
Then I knew I had been dreaming.  
A Senior.

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January 3—Thomas Meighan in THE MAN WHO FOUND HIMSELF

Jan. 4-5-6—Rex Beach's WINDS OF CHANCE

January 7-8—Betty Compson in PATHES TO PARADISE

January 10—Milton Sills in I WANT MY MAN

January 11-12-13—D. W. Griffith's THE ROYLE GIRL

January 14th-5th—Joseph's Conrad's LORD JIM

January 16—Zane Grey's LIGHT OF THE WESTERN STARS

January 17-18—Thomas Meighan in THE LUCK OF THE IRISH

January 19-20—Milton Sills in THE MAKING OF O'MALLY

January 21-22—Bebe Daniels in THE CROWDED HOUR

January 24—Richard Dix in WOMANHANDLED

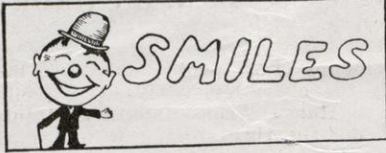
January 26-27—Betty Bronson in A KISS FOR CINDERELLA

January 28-29—Bebe Daniels in THE MANICURE GIRL

January 30—Richard Talmadge in THE ISLE OF HOPE

Jan. 31—Pola Negri in WOMAN OF THE WORLD





Ben Gordon entered one of our local hardware stores and exhibited an enormous egg; about six inches long, which Ben declared had been laid by one of his hens.

The dealer examined it with the rest, and, then said, "Pshaw! I've got something in the egg line that will beat that."

"I'll bet you a dollar you haven't," said Ben.

"Right," replied the merchant, and going behind the counter, he brought out a wire egg beater.

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Said the chamber maid to the sleeping guest, "Get up, you lazy sinner, for we need the sheet for a table cloth and it's almost time for dinner."

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Pros. Attorney—"There is only one thing that keeps you from being a barefaced liar.

Defendant—"What's that?"

Pros. Attorney—"Your Whiskers."

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Lloyd George is wrong in saying the U. S. is afraid of Japan. The U. S. is only afraid that Japan isn't afraid of the U. S.

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Juror—Judge, I can't serve on the jury because I've formed an opinion of that man. I can tell he's guilty by just looking at his face.

Judge—Sh! That's the Prosecuting Attorney.

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Mr. Davis—Boys, this chattering has to stop. It seems that every time I open my mouth some idiot begins to speak.

Borgy—Did a doctor treat you for your sprain?

Mickey—Treat me? He soaked me ten bucks.

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A Banana peel  
A flash of hose  
A little squeal  
And down she goes.

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His aunt—Do you know, Willie, you look just like your father? You have his nose, his eyes, his—

Will—Yes, and I got the old man's old pants too.

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Miss G. in History—What is the difference between the First and Second Continental Congress.

Walter D.—It met on different dates.

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Mr. Thompson—(in cafeteria) — Do you serve any cheese with apple pie?

Waiter—Yes sir, we serve most anyone here.

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One of our Freshman girls was so thrilled. She was talking about a Senior and she said, "He smiled at me!" Our silent comemnt was: It's a wonder he didn't laugh out loud.

## FRESHMEN BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS!!

These Frosh who have been running pep meetings and doing other things just like grown-ups aren't what they seem to be. For when one of the English teachers suggested that they write letters to Santa and thought they would scoff, they jumped at the chance. "Aw, please let us write to Santa," they cried.

What could she do but let them? And so here are a couple of their letters. Don't you hope Santa will be good to the trusting cherubs? Dearest Jolliest Old Santa:

We are rapidly approaching the merriest day of the year. I think it is high time I write you my annual letter, don't you? I don't want so very much for Christmas. Only this:

Now let me think. I want a mama dollie with beautiful chestnut curls, rosy cheeks, pink lips, and lovely eyes of blue that open and close. Then I want an enormous doll buggy. A blue one if you please. And, Santa, I want a new dress. It must be a green one with yellow and red stripes. Won't that be pretty? Then I want a sled. A great big one that will carry three at a time. Sharpen the runners before you give it to me. And, Santa, I want a skating sweater and high tops. The shoes must reach clear to my knees. I want a silver fountain pen too. Just one to scribble with. It doesn't matter if it's gold but I abhor black ones. Of course I want oceans of goodies, candy, nuts, fruit, turkey, cranberry sauce and ever so much.

Now you must admit that I haven't asked very much of you this year. Why, Susie Brown asked or ordered just fifty things. Mama says that if I order too much I won't get anything. That would be very sad. I've been quite lenient this year so you ought to bring me something. I asked for and maybe slip in an "extry." Then too, I've been just awful good all the long year through. That ought to help.

I almost forgot! What a terrible thing if I really had. Brother wants a kiddie car. A red one too. He even told me so in the secret language of babyhood. Now don't forget.

You must remember where I live but don't forget to come. If you do! I'm sending you loads of luck and good luck. M. F.

P. S. Will leave some hay on the porch for your reindeer. Don't be surprised if I spring from behind a door. I may watch for you!

Dear Santa:

They say you are a good fellow, and the more you ask for the less you get. So I am going to ask for just a little teeny-weeny bit. Be sure and read it and bring all to my house on Christmas Eve. Here it is.

I want a Gilbert Chemistry Set, a pair of skis, or snowshoes, and a shotgun, but Eddie Chosa wants a pop-gun. Mae wants something that will say O'o'o! for her when she is given an assignment. Now for some more of mine: a pair of shoe skates, a Scout uniform, and Scout tent for camping this summer. I also want

a "Rexcraft" official Scout Bugle. You see I want a Merit Badge in bugling.

Now for some books. You know I like to read. Bring to me the Tarzan Series, some of Gene Stratton Porter's books and the "Leatherstocking" Series. And a set of either Burns', Longfellow's, Tennyson's or Kipling's works.

Santa you know that isn't much. But (privately) I would like to say to you, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." R. V.

Peeved Customer—Those tires you sold me aren't worth the powder to blow them up.

Chester Schwedler—Who told you to use powder? \* \* \*

Guess I'll take my little drum and beat it.

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## OPINION

### School Spirit Waking Up

Editor:

A real display of school spirit was given by the Seniors and Freshmen. Each had a Pep Meeting which was the "original" real stuff. We can't help but win with such spirit backing our team. But if we should lose we must remember it isn't only the team but the whole school that will go down fighting.

How about the Sophs and Juniors giving a little demonstration of their dramatical and oratorical abilities? Come on! Let's go! You—Rah! Rah! O-con-to! Walter Damkoehler.

### Student Razzes Cheer Leaders

Opinion:

When the team came out to the floor on the night of the Peshtigo game, it was greeted by a roar from the bleachers, not a cheer, a roar. What was the matter with the cheer leaders? Not until the team had been on the floor for a moment or two, did the cheer leaders get out and do their stuff.

And when they DID attempt to do it, what a miserable failure it was. They did not keep together and their gesticulations were so wild and utterly absurd that one wondered whether they were delirious. They waved their arms at such a great rate of speed that the fans were at a loss to know what was expected of them and the result was half hearted murmur, which sounded, as some one put it, as if it had been sent for and hadn't come.

What is necessary is a little bit of cooperation among our cheer leaders. At a point where a good cheer was needed, one of the cheer leaders was flitting with the girls in our cheer leader, but has evidently developed a Rudolph Valentino temperament. Whether the publicity of the office to his head or he took this opportunity of displaying his personal charms, the fact remains that he lavished his attentions upon the flattered (?) girls. Truly it was a fitting example of school spirit.

Several have suggested that a teacher be appointed to take charge of the cheer leaders, devise new yells, and teach them to the student body. Some one must see that there is some system in the way the yells are delivered, instead of the hap-hazard way displayed at the Peshtigo game. Give us your ideas on this through the Opinion Column. Agnes Mullen.

### Cheer Practice Suggested

Opinion:

The pep meetings that we had had thus far have all been very good. They have succeeded in realizing their aim—instilling pep into the student body. This was successfully shown at the Peshtigo game. About the only fault to be found is in the cheering. More time should be spent on practicing the cheers, and the movements and actions of the cheer leaders should be more uniform. So,

since "practice makes perfect," lets, practice more.

Helen Jane Harvey.

### Where's Your Spirit?

We Sophomores have the support of the Sophomore advisors at our meetings but we haven't the support of ourselves as a group. Our spirit as seen at these meetings is sick and needs new life. Most of the members have many good ideas which they could bring up merely by saying "Mr. President" but they are afraid to speak out in meeting. Some of the members are in too much of a hurry to adjourn, to allow enough time for the others to discuss plans.

There are several good things about our meetings, however, and the foremost of these is our spirit to improve. The members are willing and for the most part ready to be put on committees, such as Program, Refreshment and Dues collecting committees.

Remember Sophomores that you have a right to express yourself in meeting. Do not be afraid. Keep your good standing by paying your dues. Robert Fulton.

### Where Were the Boys?

To Opinion:

How about the spirit shown at the game the other night?

Mr. Smith said he thought it was good considering it was the first home game. He also said, when asked about the cheering, the cheering, that it sounded a little shrill and it might have been improved if more boys had turned out for the game.

The girls didn't know they were more interested in basketball than the boys, but the game on the eleventh seemed to prove so. At the next game we hope there will be more boys than girls at least an equal number. And we are sure that with a lot of practicing the cheering will be better. Mary Orr Clason.

"You say he's the laziest man in Sussex?"

"Yes. He's so lazy that every boy in before he gets up he sends one of his boys down to the village to see what the loafers are arguin' about. If they ain't discoursin' on something he wants to argue about, he don't get up."

## SESSION ROOM FROSH WRITES WOEFUL TALE

### Hard Luck Day

Marcielle was walking to school on a bright Monday morn, at an unusual pace. It was Marcielle's pet trick to take her time.

"I'll have to get that theme in by sixth period," she said. "With all the fun over the week end, I forgot all about it. Oh, well, I'll get it in O. K. even if I don't get much time to work on it."

Arriving at school she hastily took off her wraps, entered her session room and opened her desk. After fumbling around a few minutes she looked up in amazement and surprise.

"Why, my fountain pen is gone, she said. "What will mother say?"

She notified Miss Manley of the disappearance and with worthy promise she would do all she could to help her find it. But her theme! She would have to try and borrow a pen.

Second period was trying. After walking around the whole room to find a pen she whispered to a friend and asked her. That was her slip. The teacher in charge, whom Marcielle hated, saw her. On the list for detention she went!

"Oh dear! I shall have to write with pencil," she said.

She was but half through with her theme when the bell rang. "Gracious, how time flies," was her thought.

English class came and went. Marcielle's theme must have a deduction if handed in at all.

When the dinner hour finally came she was g'ad. But arriving in the

session-room, worry overtook her again. One rubber was gone. Heavens, what was wrong with the students?

Marcielle's dinner was eaten in a gulp and back to school she flew. But alas! Her hurrying was of no avail. Her only pencil was gone. No one had an extra pencil, but she could borrow a pen.

"I'll have to finish in ink because I haven't enough theme paper to do it all over again," she said.

She handed the manuscript in at 2:10. Twenty per cent was to be deducted, the teacher courteously informed her!

At the end of the day Marcielle's nerves were twitching and her head pounding.

"This certainly has been Hard Luck Day for me," she said. "Minus my gold fountain pen brought down from one generation to the other, also one rubber and a perfectly good pencil. And add to that a good, hard headache. Next time I'll have to carry all my belongings with me, I guess."

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