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THE OKATO

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OUR DUTY TO ATHLETES

The basketball season is again upon us. Along with its pleasures it ushers in problems, some of which are not typical throughout the state.

We are insisting on a high standard of school work before the athlete is permitted to participate. Such is natural and is in conformity with the rules of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. We desire each athlete shall train and keep himself fit. It is becoming generally recognized that it requires greater endurance to stand up throughout a game of modernized basketball, than any other athletic sport, hence, a ban is placed on tobacco of all kinds, athletes urged to get plenty of rest and eat regularly and not in excess.

Everyone should assist the members of the squad in carrying forward the rules. It means so much to the individual athlete who in return reflects such on the school. All of the Oconto conditions are not of the best. We have not competed against a High School in the past three years where our boys were not given opportunities we are unable to offer on a return game. They play in well heated, lighted and ventilated gyms which are a part of school, having dressing rooms adjacent with fine showers for use following the games. The atmosphere is far in excess of what we can offer. The smoke nuisance at the game is eliminated. Such is tabooed. Attempts have been made to improve conditions here and all are respectfully asked to assist in the undertaking. Smoking in the Armory any

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MISS MCKENZIE SPEAKS

ON "THE PASSION PLAY"

Miss Mary-Leone McKenzie, a member of our High School faculty, spoke at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, December 10, on "The Passion Play" of Oberammergau. Miss McKenzie saw this play during her trip in Europe last summer.

First she explained the life of the people (who are not peasants) in this village of 2,000 inhabitants, where this Play is given every ten years. The play is given as the result of a sacred covenant made with God by the people of Oberammergau during a terrible plague.

The Play lasts from eight o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the afternoon, with two hours intermission, and the participants number five or six hundred. It is given in a specially constructed theatre which seats four or five thousand people, and is put on at least twice a week from May to November.

The first scene of the Play is the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem and the final scene, the Resurrection. It is a supreme production being as nearly perfect as is possible and is witnessed by many thousands of people from all over the world.

Miss McKenzie was kind enough to share her pleasure by giving this interesting talk and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the account.



HERBERT J. SOLWAY

1870 - 1922

A Tribute To An Earnest Worker For Better Schools and Greater Opportunities For Oconto Boys and Girls

In recording the death of Herbert J. Solway, Oconto acknowledges the loss of one of its sturdy substantial citizens.

Mr. Solway came to Oconto at the age of seven with a good brain, a pair of willing hands, and the desire to make the most of his changes.

He entered the public schools and was one of seven representing the first graduating class in 1886 of the Oconto High School. He chose teaching as a career and for the next few years taught in the town of Oconto, Oconto County, and later in the Jefferson School in this city.

He was elected as a Commissioner of Education in April 1919 and the following years as President of the Board, a position he held at the time of his death.

His early personal contact with the schools and the qualities developed as a teacher ever caused him to take an active and sincere stand for good schools. He was known by all students and one in whom they delighted to accept as a friend. His frankness, robust integrity, and fairness were early appreciated and respected. He attended school functions regularly and enjoyed the youthful stunts with equal pleasure and appreciation. He knew each student by name, always desired to extend a good word, and assisted in extending additional opportunities in order that the individual might find himself and produce his worth.

It is difficult to appraise the loss to the community in the death of a man of his qualities. His business judg-

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HOLOSFACTS PUT ON PROGRAM

One-Act Farce Ably Presented

Holosfacts, Philathea's rival society, held an unusually interesting program in assembly on November 28th. Everett Delaware gave a brief history of the society. He emphasized its aims, which are many. He challenged Philathea to a debate, and to a contest to see which could give the most entertaining program. Mr. Whaley supplemented his talk by adding a few good points.

The platform was then changed into a busy office, ten years hence. Lawrence Schumacher, as the head of the firm, reminisced with two old friends, Clarence Neronhausen and John Mullen, on the days spent in O. H. S. and Holosfacts. The farce was enlivened by Edward Delano as office boy, and Cornelius Falk, who, it seems also was a graduate of Oconto High School. While the scene was highly amusing it also brought out the good times the fellows have in Holosfacts.

REV. GARRISON SPEAKS

ON GRATITUDE

A very fitting Thanksgiving address was delivered by Reverend R. A. Garrison before the High School Assembly November 29. In this address we were advised to express our gratitude for the many privileges we enjoy as American school children. He reminded us of our duty of recognizing and remembering the deeds of our forefathers if we wish to have our deeds remembered by the next generations.

It was shown that the two words "think" and "thank" come from the same root so that thoughtful, educated people usually are thankful.

C. I. P. A. CONVENTION

The Okato Sends Two Delegates To Madison.

On December first and second Madison held the eye and interest of the scholastic press of the entire nation. For at this time the Central Interscholastic Press Association was holding its third annual convention. Delegates from states in all parts of the union came to Madison to receive new ideas and to have their troubles adjusted regarding their school publication.

Although the Okato is still a new and young publication, it was represented at the convention by its faculty advisor and editor. At the opening of the convention on Friday the delegates were welcomed by the officers of the C. I. P. A. and by President Birge of the University of Wisconsin. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up by round table sessions at which the delegates were given advice as to the construction and reading matter of school publications. Men who are experienced along these lines of work, helped you to solve difficult problems of your publication, and the advice given whatever it may have been was of great value to all scholastic publications.

Friday evening the delegates were entertained at a banquet and one of the most interesting features of it was the address given by Mr. McQuire, editor of The American Boy. Mr. McQuire discussed the value of a school publication, what it means to the student body and school itself, and the part scholastic publications were playing in the future of the newspaper and magazine world.

Each of the schools represented at the convention was given a conference hour during which you could confer with a critic in regard to your school publication. The Okato came out of its conference hour quite well, and we were given some new ideas as to how to better our paper, along with the criticism and good points.

The convention ended Saturday afternoon and at this time the honors were awarded to the best publications entered in the contest, and the officers of the association for the ensuing year were elected. Although we carried off no honors at the convention, the ideas we received at the convention will be of great value to the staff in making the Okato a larger and better paper.

NEW CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Senior Class held a meeting on December 7th, electing a president and vice-president to take the place of the former ones who have left school. There was little competition and when the ballots were counted, it was found that Russell Whitcomb was elected president, and Quentin Meeuwssen, vice-president.

It is hoped that this election will be the last, as the executive staff is an unusually competent one. Great things are expected of them during the year.

O. H. S. STARTS TRAINING FOR BASKET BALL

Coach Melby Has a Real Job on His Hands

The Basket Ball season is on in earnest. Coach Melby has called to order his bunch of basket ball recruits. For the past week the would-be Basketkeeters of O. H. S. have been under strenuous training. Every night has found them assembled at the Gym, going through the routine. About the most encouraging phase of the early season was the number of aspirants that turned out. The coach has found it necessary to cull out a few as there were altogether too many to get results.

It is plain to be seen that the material is far from coming up to the standard of last year's veterans. About the only familiar faces from last season's regulars are O'Connor and Hiddie, who will hold down the positions of forwards. With these two experienced men to build around and a bit of good hard work by the coach and the rest of the squad, we feel sure that Mr. Melby will be able to present us with a team complying with the standard of previous years.

BASKET BALL SCHEDULE 1922-1923

O. H. S. Takes on New Rivals

December 22,—Lena at Oconto.
December 29—Oconto Alumni at Oconto.
January 12—Peshtigo at Oconto.
January 19—E. Green Bay at Green Bay.
January 26—Sturgeon Bay at Oconto.
February 2—Marinette at Marinette.
February 9—Shawano at Oconto.
February 16—E. Green Bay at Oconto.
February 23—Shawano at Shawano.
March 2—Marinette at Oconto.

THE WAUSAU BASKET BALL COACHES' CONFERENCE DEC. 1-2

Coach Meanwell of Wisconsin discusses New Styles and Training

The "Wizard of Basket Ball," Coach Meanwell of the University of Wisconsin, called a conference for High School basket ball coaches at Wausau Dec. 1 and 2. Mr. Melby attended as the O. H. S. representative. The purpose of the meeting was to form a better basis of cooperation between the several schools in Basket Ball. The latest rules and new styles of playing were discussed in full and we hope there will be no chance for misinterpretation of the rules during the ensuing season. Coach Meanwell also emphasized the necessity of adhering strictly to training rules. He says a coach cannot enforce too rigidly these very common rules that tend to make a good athlete, namely: regularity in both eating and sleeping, and also the use of tobacco.

It is the habit of our athletes to treat too lightly these instructions which, after all, are for their own good. It is merely a case of a little self control and will power which every young man should have developed before he aspires to a position on a H. S. Team.

The Faculty Squad

Mr. Whaley Expected to Star.

It is a common saying that every dark cloud has a silver lining. So it is with Basketball at O. H. S. Although the prospects for a championship school team are anything but promising, the fact is more than counter-balanced by the very promising Faculty squad. Any observer at the Gym during training hours would be attracted by a very husky looking group for a faculty team. That tall, graceful figure with the air of leadership about him is none other than Supt. Smith, who will hold down the center position. He will be aided at point getting by that bushy-haired individual, Mr. Deitzman (commercial) and the well known, Coach Melby. The strenuous guard work will be performed by Coach Zuege (football) and Mr. Pacquette, principal of the Jefferson school. The utility list will contain, principal of H. S., Mr. Pfaffman, and Mr. Whaley (language.) We feel that a man of Mr. Pfaffman's athletic ability is too valuable to risk in any minor games, and we will rely on him to pull the game out of the hole in the real title. To Mr. Whaley falls the duty of standard (sponge) bearer. We have been informed by Mr. Dietzman (confident talk) that Mr. Whaley has had experience so we will expect him to display real talent. Yours for a better faculty team.

Signed,

THE OKATO STAFF.

VACATIONS.

We are sure everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving vacation, as we had enough time to get over our Thanksgiving dinner before we had to go back to school.

Vacations are wonderful things. It just seems that when one has a vacation, you can do most anything when you come back to school, even if it were the hardest problem in Algebra or the hardest sentence in French.

Everyone is looking forward to the day that school closes, Dec. 22, and to the time Santa comes down the chimney, Dec. 24. Hurrah! we do not have to go back to school until Jan. 8, 1923. "Oh ain't it a grand and glorious feeling!"

Laboratory Equipment

Many new things have been received by the science classes along the lines of laboratory equipment and reading material.

The classes in biology have received: two compound microscopes, an aquarium, scissors, scalpels, dissecting needles and pans together with laboratory manuals for use the second semester.

The Physics classes have also received many general supplies.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEASON ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1922

FOOTBALL

	Receipts	Expenditures
On hand from 1921-22	.35	
West Green Bay (here) Sept. 30		
Gate receipts	139.89	
Referee, A. C. Davey		19.70
Team, R. R. fare		37.80
One meal for 18 men		9.00
Fisher truck		2.00
Umpire, W. L. Wysockey		5.00
Oconto Falls (there) Oct. 7th		
Received (no expense)	24.00	
Kewaunee (here) October 14th		
Gate receipts	98.63	
Referee, J. H. Coffeen		19.60
Team, R. R. fare		54.00
Meal, 18 men		9.00
Fisher, truck		2.00
Umpire, W. L. Wysockey		5.00
East Green Bay (there) Oct. 21st		
Receipts, R. R. fare	33.60	
1 meal, cash	8.00	
1 meal, no cash		
Railroad fare		49.40
Meals, 3 men extra dinner		1.35
Neenah (here) Oct. 28th		
Gate receipts	95.16	
Team, R. R. fare		74.88
Referee, S. A. Mills		18.00
Umpire, Wysockey		5.00
2 meals, 16 men		16.50
Fisher truck		1.00
Marinette (there) Nov. 4th		
Receipts, flat rate	50.00	
R. R. fare, 31 men		31.08
Meal, 20 men		10.00
Street car fare		2.31
Miscellaneous Expense		
Oct. 4 Telephone to date		22.53
Oct. 22 McNeil wiring field		6.50
Oct. 21 Supplies		1.50
Oct. 25 Supplies		3.30
Nov. 3 Borrowed money returned to Miss Runkel		11.65
Nov 7 V. G. Barnes athletic dues		1.00
Nov 8 A. G. Brunner, supplies		150.00
Nov. 14 Telephone to date		16.79
Nov 18 Henry George, janitor work		20.0
Nov. 21 Express		1.51
Nov. 21 J. A. Urquhart		12.00
Nov. 21 Goodrich & Martineau Co.		1.65
Nov. 21 Holt Lumber Company, posts		2.00
Nov. 21 Hansen Drug Store, supplies		3.55
Nov. 21 Schneider Hdw. Co., staples, wire		1.62
Bills and tickets, Reporter Co.		11.00
Nov. 22 Bills and tickets, Enquirer		5.75
Nov. 22 Gordon Bent, supplies		89.71
	\$449.63	\$734.68
Total deficit	\$285.05	

Borrowed \$300.00 at the rate of 7 per cent to cover deficit and preliminary Basketball expense.

Mr. Whaley—Caesar came down stairs in his night-gown. (Laughter from class.)

Mr. Whaley—Well, what's so funny about a night-gown?

Crosby coming to class from Manual Training began shaking the sawdust from his hair.

Miss W.—"Are you trying to advertise that you're a block head?"

"THE DREAMERIE"

There! exclaimed Renshaw triumphantly, as he replaced the Little White God upon its antiquated pedestal, and brushed away the interminable dust that covered all the old relics which he covetously treasured with a childish adoration. He glanced about him seriously into the deep silence with a strange intensity, but still that same familiar calm gaze pervaded over him. He was a little old man, quite bent with age, and he had not known a moment of happiness during the long years of his life. He was alone, and had lived in this little shop since the death of his brother. He denied himself many of the necessities of life, and kept his body and soul together only by his strange faith in the divinity of his Little White God.

Renshaw was a dealer in antiques. He occupied a small shop in the exclusive business district of the city. This little shop had been in the possession of the Renshaws for five generations. Many quaint stories lurked in the shadows of the half-lighted room of the "Dreamerie." Josiah Renshaw, the first of the Renshaws had been a mysterious man. He spent several years sojourning in the Holy Land and upon his return he had taken up his residence in this little shop in New York. While traveling abroad he had become so taken up with the old Oriental treasures, that by some way unknown to anyone else but himself, he had become possessor of the Little White God.

He brought this treasured relic with him along with others when he came to New York. But his wanderings abroad had had their effect on Renshaw. He was never the same animated gentleman that he had been before he went away. He would sit for hours before the Little White God looking into its carved face with a wild, distracted gaze, which was more like a haunting nightmare than a dream. From these reveries the little shop came to be known as the "Dreamerie."

Josiah Renshaw had been so drawn to this idol that it possessed a magical power over the half-crazed mind of the man. His memory was shattered when he would try to figure out how it had so mysteriously come into his possession. Its supernatural power had cast an evil influence over his business and success. But his faith in it was always strengthened at the thought of its intrinsic worth.

Every year on Christmas Eve Renshaw would sit alone in his little shop before his idol far into the night. Holiday shoppers and merriment seekers always remarked of the little light in the Dreamerie. It never failed to appear annually on the same night. Those who knew of it, remarked of Renshaw's fanciful meditation with his Little God. Exactly at midnight Renshaw always imagined he heard the Little God speak to him, "Replace me from where you stole me, or my evil shall ruin you! This is the night of the Holy Communion of my People!" Then Renshaw would awake from his trance and go home to enjoy a troublesome and haunted Christmas. But he would not part with the Little White God; he guarded its possession with a triumphant pleasure. How was he so mysteriously drawn to it?

The succeeding generations of Renshaws had always held the same strange communion with the Little God every Christmas Eve. They had come to recognize it as a religious rite. People avoided them and looked with strange apprehension at their White God. Rumors would have it that the Renshaws once possessed

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PHILATHEA

The meeting of Philathea held Thursday, December 7, was called the Philathea Mother's meeting and many of the mothers of the girls accepted the invitation to enjoy the program given by the Dramatic Section.

The program consisted of a one act farce, "The Piper's Play," put on under the capable direction of Miss McKenzie; a piano solo by Edith Kettinger, and a piano duet by Helen Jane Harvey and Agnes Mullen. The mothers were given an idea of the work done by the girls in this society.

The Dramatis Personae was as follows:

Mrs. John Burton (Peggy)
..... Mae Porter
Mrs. Charles Dover (Mabel)
..... Katherine O'Herrin
Mrs. Hereford Carr .. Eunice Ansonge
Miss Freda Dixon Agnes Hanna
Mary Clark (A Detective)
..... Helen Duncan
Evelyn Evans (A Reporter)
..... Lucille Bitters
Katie (A Maid) Bernice Roy

HOLOSFACT

Holosfact's prospects for this year are looking up, even though they are not flat on their back. Much enthusiasm has been shown at their meetings, and the membership has been successfully increased.

The officers elected at the first official meeting were: President, Everet Delaware; Vice President, Alphone Pierre; Secretary and treasure, Quentin Meeuwse. The secretary resigned and at a subsequent meeting the office was split, Paul Brazeau being elected as treasure and John Mullen as secretary.

The Holosfacts has plans for many good times, among them are a masquerade, and a stag dinner. The Athletic section has been given a flying start. The amendment to make it a part of the club was passed unanimously and all but three members are in it.

In line with its policies, Holosfacts supports athletics, debate and other school activities.

O. C. T. A. MEETING

The monthly session of the O. C. T. A. was held Tuesday, December 12. In addition to the business of the meeting which consisted in a presentation of the program for the year, Mrs. Bitters gave an interesting talk on "Danger Signals in the Teaching Profession."

HERBERT J. SOLWAY

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ment was sound, his staunch citizenship never faltered, and his loyal and devoted life consecrated to God made him a man of high respect in the community. It is regrettable that he could not have lived to ripen years and have personally enjoyed for a longer time the results of his splendid life.

"The Dreamerie"

fabulous wealth, but the present Renshaw was in such mean circumstances that he was almost at the point of starving each day. The Little God was working its menacing evil. Customers frequently visited the "Dreamerie" but none ever came to buy antiques. They came either through curiosity to view his Little God, or in the case of the very rich to try to purchase it. But the Renshaws would not part with their Little God.

At the time of my story it was a

week before Christmas. Winter had set in with zero weather at the beginning of December, and it was steadily growing colder. Outside a storm was raging and the flurries of snow made sharp clicks against the frost-stained windows of the Dreamerie. The whole atmosphere was filled with the spirit of Christmas, but inside of his little shop Renshaw sat shivering in the bitter cold and suffering for

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Special Numbers

During the school year, the Okato will make its appearance in eight issues. Two of these issues are to be primarily devoted to athletics. The November issue was a football one and of the five remaining issues one will be a basket ball speciality. The Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors each will have a number, and the last issue will be a special Senior number.

DEBATE.

Every school activity has its own particular time in the school year. The football season has closed and basketball will now command our attention. Along with the basket ball contests comes another and important school activity, which merits recognition and should receive the whole souled support of the student body. We refer to the annual debating contests. We encourage, support and cheer our gridiron warriors and want to rank high among our neighboring schools in football prowess. We turn out in large numbers to the basket ball games to show our loyalty to the team and urge them on to successive victories over rival schools, and why cannot we show some pep and enthusiasm and aggressiveness in building up and backing, honestly and conscientiously a debating team that can and will be a credit to our school?

It is true, the debate platform pro-

bably does not furnish the thrills, the excitement and spectacular features of the gridiron or basket ball floor, but it is nevertheless a highly important school activity, one that should prompt us to give evidence, that aside from play, we can also give time and thought to the study of questions and subjects that will confront us when we step out into the business world later on. Let our school spirit ring 100 per cent true. We can not all be football heroes, but we can boost the team. We cannot all be basket ball stars, but we can boost the team. We cannot all be great orators and declaimers, but we can all boost and help to put Oconto High conspicuously on the forensic forum.

Christmas Spirit

Christmas time, that happy, joyous time of the year when everyone seems brimming over with the feeling of good fellowship, has again drawn nigh with its tinkling of sleigh bells and merry greetings.

This spirit of Christmas is the most beautiful feeling that could over power anyone. It is a feeling that stirs you on to be kind to everyone, bidding them to forget their worries and be merry, for it this time we should always act with more regard for the happiness of others than for our own interests.

Christmas time is a time of universal kindness. Why is it that some people will keep their friendly looks and kindly greetings for this one day? How wonderful it would be for them to keep this feeling the year around.

This Yule-time spirit is found in the home, office, street and school room. We are all taught the great principles of the French revolution—'Justice, Equality, and Fraternity,' and at Christmas we are given the opportunity of carrying out these doctrines of Charity and Brotherly Love.

We should remember that the true beauty of Christmas is not in the material things we receive, for it is 'Not what we give, but what we share. For the gift without the giver is bare.'

O. H. S. TAKES PART

IN SALE OF RED

CROSS SEALS

The coming of the Christmas holidays to a majority of us is the coming of a good time, family reunions, parties, and dances. But there are a great number of people throughout our great country, who will not have all the toys of Christmas, and among these people are those who are suffering from the great white plague, tuberculosis. Those of us who can enjoy a happy Christmas should not forget these unfortunate people suffering from this dreadful disease. One way by which we can remember them is by the little Christmas stamps sold each year to help cut down the death rate of tubercular people. These stamps have been distributed to

the four classes in school. Let each individual do his or her part in this drive and as a result see which class will do the most to help conquer the great white plague.

JOKES

Mr. Pfaffman in a Freshman Science Class—"What is pasteurized milk?"

Kenneth Rousseau—"It comes from cows fed on pasture."

Freshman in Home Economics Class, demonstrating how to make a custard—"You beat the egg until it becomes a lemon."

French Class.

After the girls have all read a sentence aloud, Mr. Whaley says:

"Since the girls have all recited in a minute, I'm going to call on the boys and see if they can do as well but that doesn't mean that the girls can close their eyes and not listen."

Mr. Dietzmen—"What industry is effected by nearness to water power?"

Edna Russel—"Fishing."

Crosby stretches in class.

Miss W.—"It isn't polite to stretch when you're out in society—do that in your own room."

Crosby—"I can't run home every time I want to stretch."

Heard at the dance of the Frozen North.

Chink—"Oh, that orchestra isn't so much. I heard them for a nickel last summer."

Tuffy—"That's nothing. I heard them for a week."

While the modern history class was voting Andy Gump received one vote. Someone wanted to know if Andy was a real man.

"RED" Whitcomb—"What's the difference between a mail box and a horse."

Mr. Whaley—"I don't know."

"Red"—"Then you would have an awful time mailing a letter."

Mr. Whaley—"I know it. That's why I always give it to someone to mail for me."

Miss Lightbody—"Why couldn't I be as good a writer as Zona Gale; or could I, do you think Frances?"

Frances—"It's because of your ignorance of intellect."

"Antonio and Shakespeare had a fight in London," says a Freshman girl while studying "Merchant of Venice."

Did you know that a Reader's Guide is a bound volume of all magazines?

The cow produces milk and butter for the man and sells it so he can buy what he needs.

They stormed the Bastille and after cutting off the heads of the prisoners marched them up the street.

Question: Is Oconto in the eastern or western judicial district?

Answer: The third.

Heard in Physics

Let me BE run down the stream. We will leave the mule pull the diagonal.

Clarence N.—Use the chiropracter to measure the angle.

Mr. P.—We want someone who knows how to answer the question. Elsie, tell us how to work the hammock problem.

—Did you Know that—

The nucleus is one of our water animals. Thoreau's alarm clock was a mosquito.

English—

Leigh C. in a deuse mood—"Was there always ice on that pond?"

Miss P.—Does April Fool's Day come in Feb. or March this year?"

Miss L.—What woke Thoreau up every morning?

John R.—He took a swim in the pool.

The whole regiment fell on his neck and wept with joy.

M. F. in English—"The nursing course appeals to me, they change their uniforms every six months."

Mr. P.—"It's liable to land on someone's bean."

POEM

"On A Fir Tree"

Oh stately fir!
That once did bend
Majestic branches toward the firmament.
In medieval forest, thy thoughts did lie,
But now are turned toward merrier climes.

I would that I to you could lend
Some thought I may not comprehend,
It is as if I were with thee,
In the calm silence of thy reverie.
Thou art bedecked by human hands,
The thought that prompts in every land.

The spirit of Yuletide thou hast shown
Oh stately fir!
To me unknown.

WHY DO THEY LEAVE?

Only 13 of every 100 children entering the first grade of the public schools remain to complete the twelfth grade, or the last year of high school. Of 100 children entering the first grade 86 reach the fifth, 73 the sixth, 64 the seventh, 58 the eighth, 32 the first year of high school, 23 the second year, 17 the third, and 14 the fourth year, with 13 remaining to graduate.—Dept. of the Interior Bureau of Education, Washington.

Our Duty To Athletes

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time before and during a game should be stopped.

A few reasons for the elimination of smoke in the Armory are:

1. Boys are in training and should be assisted.

2. Basketball requires indoor courts while other sports are played in fresh air.

3. Basketball is a sport requiring vigorous energy during the full time of the play.

4. Visiting High School athletes are not subjected to such at home nor are their opponents.

5. Many spectators do not use tobacco and find it offensive.

6. People in the reserve seat section of the balcony are not properly respected by having clouds of smoke rolling into their faces.

7. A bad habit that can be corrected to the mutual benefit of all.

Many additional reasons can be quoted, but enough have been given to gain your assistance. We ask your help and co-operation. We feel our case is well founded. Then every body together—NO SMOKING IN ARMORY ANY TIME BEFORE OR DURING A GAME OF BASKETBALL.

"THE SMUGGLEMAN"

Miss Runkel Successfully Stages The Grade Cantata

The children of the lower grades of the public schools rendered effectively the cantata entitled "The Smuggle Man," on Friday evening, December 15th, at the Gym. From when the curtain rose, until it fell on the last act, one was impressed with the extensive costuming, and the delightful singing of the youngsters. The several incidental dances were especially good. The "Dance of the Humoresque," given between the first and second acts, was rigorously applauded by the audience. Many a grown-up in the audience wished he were a child again when the children were going off to dreamland.

Argument

In ancient days, which we lament,
When knights were chivalrous,
When fairies and small merrie folk
made glad the heart of us,
There dwelt deep in a mountain dark,
a naughty little gnome,
Who crept out every night to see if
children were at home.
If any child had ventured out into
the starry night,
He captured him, and took him far
from God's sweet, clear sunlight,
And there he stayed until the kindly-
hearted Fairy Queen
Found that he wished to be forgiven
for stealing out at E'en.
The fairies then declared a war upon
the naughty gnome,
And won the boy by strategy and took
him to his home.
Ah, children, heed the story, for per-
mission must be had,
Or the Smugglerman will get you, and
your mother will be sad.

"The Dreamer"

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want of food. With his familiar distracted gaze he watched the holiday shoppers with the hope that a chance customer might drop in. But none ever did. Some pressed their noses against the windows but quickly withdrew them and passed on. In the middle of the road some snow-birds were having a merry fete over a bun which the Baker's delivery man had dropped just a minute before. How happy they felt over their finding of food, and their incessant twitter gave a certain merry aspect to the cold and quiet room. Renshaw hungrily gazed at the happiness of these little creatures, but he turned toward the White God with a faint smile. His greatest happiness and consolation lie there.

Just two days before Christmas, the morning dawned dreary and cold with the thermometer registering forty degrees below freezing. Renshaw hobbled lamely into his cold shop with a famished and despairing look upon his countenance. Standing in front of the Little God he imagined he saw its eyes gleam and sneer at him; it froze his spirit. His endurance was taxed beyond its limit. His gaunt heart was giving away. He became dizzy and tottered. There was an instant crash and a vibration that shook the room with the echoes of the freedom of the escaped mystery. Renshaw leaped to his feet with a cry of agonizing terror. The Little White God lay shattered in pieces upon the floor.

Renshaw's mind was crazed as he glared with avidity at the ruined heap of the God, but as he stared vacantly into the pile something illuminating met his wild gaze. He stooped and picked it up. It was a talisman. The magical virtues of this talisman had averted the evil of the Little White God. Its mysterious spell over Renshaw's fortune and success was ended. The possessor of the Talisman was free from all evil.

Renshaw immediately forgot that he was cold and hungry. He felt the spirit of Christmas greet him in the many customers that came into his shop. It kept him busy waiting on the wants of the steady stream that entered. By noon the next day the Dreamer was all sold out. It was no longer a Dreamer of evil reveries, but a Dreamer of happiness, with the hope of the coming of the merriest Christmas Renshaw had ever known. He was again the same animated man that his ancestor had been five generations ago.

But the evil curse of the Little White God was dual. In the far away Holy Land the Israelites were again able to hold their holy communion with Israel on Christmas Eve. Until the talisman which had been hidden in the Little God was placed in the hands of some Christian the Israelites were unable to hold their communion with Israel. Israel had hidden the talisman in the Little God

and it was his intention that it should never be found. And thus it happened that when the evil of the Little God was averted a weary half-crazed man was made happy on Christmas, and a whole people were freed from the curse of Israel.

The Okato staff takes this opportunity of thanking all, both in school and out who helped to make our paper possible, and we wish all our readers a very enjoyable holiday season.

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HOW SANTA CLAUS CAME DOWN THE CHIMNEY

Jingle! Jingle! Jingle!

Old St. Nicholas was going to start on his yearly visit to the children once more.

"My, how the time does fly! There was barely time enough to get all the playthings ready for the good little girls and boys. Well, I guess I haven't forgotten anything.

"Are the reindeer all ready? All right! Let's go!

"These reindeer of mine are getting pretty old and they can't travel as fast as they used to. I guess I'll have to be getting me an automobile. But no. I couldn't get up on the roofs with that. I guess it will have to be an aeroplane. I hate to give up my reindeer, but modern times is modern times. I can't have people thinking I'm old-fashioned."

The moon went behind a cloud and soon it began to snow. About fifteen minutes later it was snowing so hard you couldn't see two feet ahead. But Old St. Nicholas knew his way. Hadn't he been over this same old route for many, many years?

"I'll go to Tommy Brown's house first because he has been a pretty good boy this year."

Upon the roof went the sleigh and Santa Claus hopped out, jumped into the chimney and was on his way down. I said, on his way down. Instead of going down easily, he slipped a little way and—stopped.

You know, Santa Claus is a big, fat man and when he carries his pack on his back he can't go down a modern chimney very easily. Instead of a nice, big, comfortable open fireplace to go down, he has to travel down a small, cramped fireplace in which a gas log is set. Such is modern times!

After pushing and pulling for a while he at last succeeded in getting down. He's down, but can he get up again? He decides not to risk it, so after leaving some toys, he hops out of the window and into his sleigh again.

His next trip is to Jimmy Greene's house.

"Jimmy has moved since I was here last. I always liked to go down his chimney because it was such a large, roomy affair. Let's see—Oh yes. He's living in an apartment in Chicago now."

His deer were fast so it wasn't very long before Chicago came in sight. Up to Jimmie's house the deer pranced. The next moment they were up on the roof.

But—where is that large roomy chimney he was so used to? He looked and looked but his eyes failed to see one.

"Maybe if I look in the windows I can see what the matter is."

He looked in, but where were the fireplaces? What was that funny looking object over there? Oh a radiator of course. Well how did they expect him to come through that. It

was impossible.

"I guess I'll have to go through the window. This isn't a bit like Jimmy Greene's house, but I can't go away without leaving him something."

"These modern times. These modern times," he said to himself as he drove away into the night.

RUTH JOY.

HOME ECONOMICS CLASSES HOLD ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Wonderful Display Shows Results of Students Efforts

Our display was undoubtedly the best we have yet put forth. The systematic arrangement of the work according to the grades by which various articles were made enabled the parents to quickly and accurately locate the work done by their children.

The sophomore class contributed blouses for the exhibition. Although simple in design, the workmanship showed that the students were steadily advancing in the art of dressmaking. The seventh and eighth grades contributed a beautiful array of white aprons.

The seventh grade also had holders on exhibition. They were pretty and attractive due to the fact that they were made out of cretonne in many beautiful shades and patterns.

A pleasing program was presented for the benefit of the visiting friends and parents.

Program

Report on Laces—Evelyn Fencil.
Playlet—"How to Bathe a Baby"—Mildred Meyer, Mary Kain, Katherine VanHarpen.

Report on Hosiery—Mildred Rieve.
The program met with hearty applause which showed that the pupils' efforts had not been in vain. Light refreshments consisting of cookies were served to anyone who desired them, after the program. All departed well pleased with the work presented for their scrutiny.

Philathea-Holosfacts Program

Philathea and Holosfacts are to have a joint Christmas meeting, on Thursday evening, December 21. An interesting program will be presented in which both societies will take part. Refreshments will be served.

The program is the following:
Mock Trial—The entire Holosfacts Society.

Piano Solo—Mac Fulton.
Reading—Beatrice Cote.
Reading—Clara Below.
Quartet—Paul Brazeau, Alphonse Pierre, Lucille Bitters, Clymene Parisey.

Reading—Myra Cashman.

Christmas

A knock is heard upon the door
Then a thump and then a pause,
A person ceases to think furthermore
Cause he knows it's Santa Claus.

He's as jolly as a soul can be
He has joys and presents galore,
There are many for you and me
Just like the days of yore.

The children welcome his annual call,
Although Dad and Mother are strict
Cause they'll get what's coming after
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NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK OBSERVED IN OCONTO

Interest Shown By The Entire
School System Of City

December 3-9 was designated by President Harding as National Education Week.

All the educational institutions of the city including grade schools and high school cooperated with the President's plan.

The grade schools had contests and plays for the purpose of instilling in the minds of the young folks the value of an education, thus encouraging them to equip themselves mentally for the battle of life in which all must participate.

The High School cooperated with the plan by discussing the different phases of the subject daily in the English classes, either in form of theme writing or oral talks. Members of the English classes, together with members of the faculty, placed a large number of posters about the high school building and local business houses, which bore the slogans of the campaign for better schools, and for the elimination of illiteracy.

The High School endeavored to interest the towns people not only by displaying these slogans in as many conspicuous places as possible, but also urged that all parents and others interested in the school were cordially invited to come and visit our halls of learning. The interest of the parents and others interested in the accomplishments of the High School will eventually react on the student body and encourage them to do their best to merit the interest of the public.

Motion Picture Machine In High School

A new S. V. E. Acme motion picture machine was made possible by the Senior classes of 1921 and 1922. The machine, screen and extras cost \$387.50. The Senior class of 1921 gave \$160.51 and the Senior class of 1922 gave \$130.05, while the balance of \$96.94 must be raised on entertainments. The feature play, "Copperhead" given on Thursday evening, December 7th, netted the school, after expenses had been paid to representative, a total of \$21.05, leaving a balance of \$75.89 to be raised by staging entertainments throughout the school year.

Radio In O. H. S.

Within the past few weeks Mr. Fulton, one of the city's most enthusiastic radio admirers, has placed in the school at his own expense, a radio receiver instrument. The main object in Mr. Fulton's doing this is for experimental purposes. He is experimenting on a new kind of aerial wire, and he chose the school as one of the best places in which to experiment. So far his experiment has

proved a success, and his instruments will be left here for the winter. It is located in the bookkeeping room, and is under the care of Mr. Pfaffman.

SUPERINTENDENT SMITH

Attends Fox River Valley School
Masters' Club at Appleton

The Fox River Valley School Masters' Club, an organization of all male instructors in territory extending from Marinette to Fond du Lac, held its first meeting of the year Friday evening, December 8th, at Appleton.

The program was arranged by Superintendent Ben Rohan and fellow co-workers in Appleton. There were some 45 to 50 in attendance, having as their purpose promoting of a professional spirit, co-operation and good fellowship. A fine banquet was served at the Hotel Sherman, after which followed the well organized program.

Dr. Earl Baker, Head of Public School Music of the city of Minneapolis, who on leave of absence is serving Lawrence College throughout the year, gave a demonstration on the presenting of music in the public schools. He used a fourth grade class of the Fourth Ward of the Appleton public schools.

He had the happy faculty of getting the students to do the things so often done by teachers. He never sang with them, but folded his tongue and arms and permitted the students to do the things he had planned and which they eagerly sought to do. He developed individual abilities and aroused a greater appreciation in doing the thing to the best of their ability.

He recognized and spoke a good word to the one who had exerted an effort and desire. It developed a genuine feeling which in many cases if a good word is given often comes from the teacher. Care was given to position of body; correcting was done while looking student in eye, never from behind; orders were not repeated, which many teachers do and consequently slows down the work. Music properly presented develops a high point of attention which carries over in other fields and do not leave a teacher completely exhausted at the end of the day. It was a great demonstration lesson with students who had been given only five weeks of music of thirty-five minutes per week, and on that received the most earnest, thoughtful and appreciative interest on the part of those in attendance.

The graders, awaiting the time for their demonstration, were favored with stories given by Dorothea Ramsay. The Oconto High School may well feel proud of one of its graduates, who as a Freshman at Lawrence College, was selected to give this work.

Superintendent Smith has made arrangements with Dr. Baker to come to Oconto following the holiday vacation.

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The American Ideal.

The American ideal—and it must be maintained if we are to mitigate disappointment and unrest—is the ideal of equal educational opportunity, not merely for the purpose of enabling one to know how to earn a living and to fit into an economic status more or less fixed, but of giving play to talent and aspiration and to development of mental and spiritual powers.—Charles Evans Hughes.

in "Aims in American Education."

Where the State has bestowed education the man who accepts it must be content to accept it merely as a charity unless he returns it to the state in full in the shape of good citizenship.—Theodore Roosevelt.

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Superintendent Smith Attends Fox River Valley School Master's Club at Appleton

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tion and give a demonstration before the teachers in the city. We are indeed fortunate in securing the services of such a man, as his type of teaching has won him national recognition. In fact, the Minneapolis High Schools, where he instructs, have the distinct honor of rendering the best music in the United States.

THE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

An instrumental duet by Helen Jane Harvey and Agnes Mullen, a short play entitled "Bathing the Baby" by a class in Home Economics, an instrumental solo by Helen Jane Harvey, and a talk by Miss Lightbody, comprised the program for the December meeting of the High School Parent-Teachers' Association. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, and coffee were served. This Association staged a successful home made candy sale in the Domestic Science kitchen on Wednesday, December 13. They also have other plans for letting the community know they are alive.

Financial Report of Carnival

Flower Bill	\$ 19.32
F. J. Fischer (pop)	10.50
Balloons, confetti, etc.	16.50
Goodrich & Martineau Co. (candy, sign, goods, etc) ...	24.58
Holt Lumber Company	6.75
Hansen Drug Store	
(make-up, crepe paper)	7.30
Schneider Hdw. Co.	1.65
Reporter-Enterprise	1.50
S. W. Ford	1.00
Enquirer	4.00
Ray Klass (ice cream, cones,) ..	12.73
Armory	30.00
Freight and express	3.64
Amount taken in	\$293.94
Amount expended	139.47
Total	\$154.47

SANTA'S ASSISTANT

Santa Claus inquired

For a helper Christmas Eve,
Mr. Pfaffman was quickly hired
And now our tale we'll weave.

He started down the chimney,
Dressed in Santa's clothes,
The fire was burning dimly
And he burned his coat and hose.

He "bounded" out the fire place,
The children stood around,
Of course they wanted the reason
He had entered with a bound.

He told them some funny reason,
Then vanished with a smile
To come again next season
And stay a little while.

Miss C. — "List places where illiteracy may be found."

L. R. — After naming several ending with, "And the place where Miss Wheelock comes from."

Mr. P. — fixing an experiment illustrating Newton's law.

C. N. — "Is that Marco Polo's experiment?"

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

A long time ago, probably thousands of years, there was one night a bright star shining in the country of Judea, above the village of Nazareth. The Shepherds, the laboring men and all of the East saw it. They wondered what it meant.

Three Shepherds in the far East saw this star shining so bright, they kept watching it and while they were still gazing at it they heard a voice. It was the voice of an angel. The voice kept telling them to go to the town of Nazareth, for in a manger they would see the child that would rule over the Jews. He would be the King of the Jews.

The Shepherds argued among themselves for time. They wondered what would become of the sheep if they went away and left them, but the dispute was settled when they heard the voice of the Angels telling them again that they must go and worship the Babe in the Manger.

The Shepherds argued among themselves their journey across the sandy desert on their camels. They followed the star. It led them to the little town of Nazareth, which they expected to find quite and still, because was such a late hour, but instead the streets of the village were just filled with people who were going to the barn where the Baby lay in the manger to worship him.

At this time Herod was the King of Jerusalem and when he heard that Christ was born and that he was going to be King he became very angry. He did not believe it, so he sent messengers to Nazareth to find out if it really was true that Christ was born. These messengers had been warned that they should not go back to Herod and tell him because Herod would try to put the child to death, so the messengers did not go back to Herod and tell him.

When the Shepherds went to the manger they learned that Jesus had come to the earth to bring peace on earth good will to men.

This day was called Christmas after the name of Christ and we give gifts, because these Wise Men had each brought a gift to the Babe in the manger.

It is the custom of all the people to give gifts and celebrate Christmas as they did on that day.

When Christmas day comes we usually think of the child that was born on Christmas day and of the joy he has brought to the earth. This day is on the twenty-fifth of December and it is a holiday for all that want to celebrate it, and if not they need not, but as a usual thing it is celebrated.

Shirley Nichols

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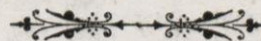
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