

# The Westmont-Upper Yoder News

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on  
Earth

## BENSCREEK ISSUE

Goodwill  
to  
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### ANNUAL BENSCREEK ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS

The Benscreek Grades presented their annual Christmas entertainment, Friday evening December 14, 1928. Every boy and girl in the school had some part in the program. "Trimming the Christmas Tree," a play given by the primary grades, showed how the Spirit of Christmas, with the aid of her helpers, Obedience, Kindness, Cheerfulness, and Willingness, trimmed the Christmas Tree, making Christmas a happier time for those about her.

"Santa Claus at School," given by the fifth and sixth grades, showed how Santa Claus had heard from his little friends, the birds, a good report of the school, and how he had visited it, disguised to surprise the children.

An operetta "Santa's Air Line," revealed how Santa, with the help of his aviators, proves to Groucho that the children of today are unselfish and willing to share their gifts with all who do not receive any.

Martha Jane Potter,  
*Grade 6, Benscreek School*

### BENSCREEK P. T. A. MEETS

The Benscreek P. T. A. met at the Benscreek School on November 23, 1928. The following was the program:

Song by the audience, "Know the Child."

The minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Biran Alwine, president of the P. T. A., gave the report of the State Convention.

"The Wayside Chapel" was played by Margaret Witkosky. Two readings, "When Johnny Spends the Day", and "Especially Jim", were given by Madline Weaver.

James Witkosky sang "Little Mother" and "Then Came the Dawn."

Rev. E. F. Hetrick gave a very interesting talk on "Strength of Character." He said we must keep ourselves strong by forming only good habits. Education will help to form character. Every boy and girl to-day should try to go through high school and, if possible, through college.

Agnes Haynes,  
*Grade 7, Benscreek School*

### AN AFTERNOON PROGRAM

On November 28, the afternoon before our Thanksgiving, Benscreek school saw one hundred and twelve slide pictures of the Gettysburg Battlefield. The first group of pictures included maps showing the location of Gettysburg and the positions of the Union and Confederate Armies. The next group showed pictures of the battle. The type of fighting in the Civil War was very different from that in the World War. Next we saw pictures of farms and farm buildings as they were during the battle. The chief ones were Spangler's and Culp's. These buildings are still standing today. The next group of pictures was of monuments that have been placed by different states in memory of troops and men who fought there. The most beautiful of

these pictures because they showed us history that was made in our own state.

Ralph Williams,  
*Grade 8, Benscreek School*

### THE TRIBUNE'S EFFORT

I think it is very unfortunate to do without Christmas presents and a Christmas dinner. Johnstown is trying to prevent this unhappiness. People that can afford to celebrate Christmas, are asked by the Tribune to contribute a Christmas dinner and to give presents. I suggest that every room in the Westmont, Upper Yoder Township schools contribute what it can to make poor people happy at Christmas time.

Evelyn Miller,  
*Grade 7, Stutzman School*

### 8th GRADE ORGANIZES

The Eighth Grade of the Tioga Street School held a short meeting on Friday, October 12, for the purpose of class organization.

The following officers were elected:

Frank Howells, *secretary*  
Charles Labe, *vice-president*  
Mary Louise Hannan, *secretary*  
Donald Hamilton, *treasurer*

Monday, November 5, a regular business meeting was held, at which it was decided to pay into the treasury the sum of ten cents every two weeks, except for the first four payments, which shall be twenty cents to make up the full amount for the weeks in the term to date. The purpose of these dues is to form a fund with which to buy something to leave to our grade school as a memento of the class of 1927-1928.

ful, or both, not only as an appreciation for our teachers' patience and devotion, but also as something to remember besides our pranks and failures.

Sara Price,

*Grade 8, Tioga Street School*

### CHRISTMAS PLAY

The title of the play given Friday afternoon, December 21, is "WHY THE CHIMES RANG", a spectacular play of medieval times, dramatized by Elizabeth McFadden from the story of the same name by Raymond McDonald Alden.

The scene is laid in a peasant's hut on the edge of the forest near a cathedral town. It is a dark, low-raftered room, lit only by the glowing wood fire in the great fire-place.

The play is based on an old legend—when a gift of sufficient greatness was placed on the altar of the cathedral on Christmas Eve, the chimes would ring out. No living person had heard the chimes, high in the tower of the cathedral, ring out. Many were beginning to doubt this legend and to call it a myth.

On the Christmas Eve, however, the time at which the action takes place, a peasant boy, sacrificing every thing he wanted most, stays at home to take care of an old woman who comes to his hut for shelter and food. As in a vision, the old woman, now warmed and fed, brings to the boy the cathedral scene: the altar, the priest, the music, and the reverent worshippers with their sacrifices.

But the chimes do not ring, even though the king gives his crown, and the woman her pearls. Urged by the woman, the child offers his two shining pennies to the Christ; with his offering comes the distant triumphant pealing of the chimes high up in the cathedral tower. His sacrifice had pleased the Lord.

### Cast

Holger.....	Richard Stewart
Steen.....	William Kintner
Bertel.....	Charles Replogle
An Old Woman.....	Virginia Hannan
Priest.....	Jack Hannan
Rich Man.....	John Wesner
Courtier.....	Charles Kunkle
Woman.....	Natalie Suppes
Scholar.....	Robert Gray
Girl.....	Virginia Harris



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Margaretta Keafer, Charles Gilbert.

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Vera Potter, Richard Stewart.

**PEACE ON EARTH**

Before Christ was born, a few men worshipped God; but they began to grow fewer. They worshipped the gods, Baal, Thor, Woden, and others.

Each man thought his God was better than the other man's, which caused constant war. When Christ was born he revived the spirit in God; thus, the man who worshipped God was persecuted.

Time went on until almost all men believed in God.

They had a custom in 1200, when knighthood was still in

**WHY WE HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE**

St. Winfried gave us the first Christmas tree. He was in the woods and around him were many people who had just become Christians. One day he saw a beautiful fir tree looking up toward heaven. He thought, "What a beautiful tree to use to celebrate Christ's birth", and said aloud, "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree to-night. It is your wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. It is the sign of an endless life for its leaves are evergreen. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it in your homes, adorned with loving gifts." Ever since the fir tree has been used to celebrate Christmas.

Sara Miller,  
Grade 5, Benscreek School

flower, that, when two men met, they fought. Not that they were angry at each other, but merely to prove the better of the two. Often a man was killed and his kin took up the quarrel. Times went on and wars grew worse by the invention of guns. This continued until they grew further apart but more men were killed. In the Civil War a great number of men was killed. But in the World War five times as many men were killed.

Now people are making treaties to outlaw war. A month ago the Kellogg Peace Pact, to outlaw war, was signed by 60 nations. If all nations would sign it and respect it, we might have everlasting peace on earth.

Clarence Bell,  
Grade 8, Benscreek School

**GIVING GIFTS**

This is the Christmas season, when, to show our goodwill, we give gifts. Giving gifts, sharing what we have with others, is a fine old custom; one which had its origin in the gifts of gold, and myrrh, and frankincense; one which has been observed throughout the centuries since that time; and one that we hope will live forever.

Giving gifts doesn't mean exchanging "something as good as theirs" with your intimates. Not at all. It means giving—no, sharing—our blessings with our friends, our relatives, and the poor, out of the fullness of joy in our hearts.

"He gives only the worthless gold

Who gives from a sense of duty;

But he who gives but a slender mite,

And gives to that which is out of sight,

The hand cannot clasp the whole of his alms,

For a god goes with it and makes it store

To the soul that was starving in darkness before"

is the way Lowell expressed it.

The students of the various schools are giving what they can to help those in need this year. This is a generous spirit to show, one which is certain to furnish the giver more pleasure than a million gifts received. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." May we always remember that it is.

"Not what we give but what we share,

For the gift without the giver is bare;

Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,

Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

**OUR HEALTH CLUB**

In our school we have organized a Health Club, in which the boys and girls of the 5th and 6th grades take part. We like to go to the Health Club because we learn songs about health.

At our first club meeting we elected officers as follows:

Carmon Berkly, *president*

Dorothy Mishler, *vice-president*

Robert Williams, *secretary*

We have many interesting things in our meetings. Several meetings ago we had a health play called "The Merry Microbe." We liked it very much. We also made health charts and badges which are given each week to those people who keep the health rules.

We organized this club because all the boys and girls are interested in it. We hope that it will be a success.

Mary Hildebrand,  
Grade, 6 Elim School

**ELIM GIRL RESERVES**

In a recent meeting of the Girl Reserves we planned some very interesting Christmas activities. We agreed to make gifts for our mothers, to go Christmas caroling, to have a Christmas party, and to exchange gifts. We also decided to give several things to a poor child.

Our club is composed of thirteen members and two advisors, Miss Ella Kimmel and Miss Lenore Albert. The officers are: *president*, Betty Elliott; *vice-president*, Margaret Maley; *secretary*, Pansy Emeigh; *treasurer*, Ruth Thomas.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable year, and all the girls are trying their best to make it a success. Margaret Maley,  
Grade 7, Elim School

**BERKLEY FALLS TO FERNDALE**

In the final game of the season, the Berkley gridiron machine went down before the onslaught of the powerful Ferndale team. Ferndale scored in the second and third quarters. Berkley did not give up hope of winning until the final whistle blew.

We opened the fourth quarter with a flurry of passes that got us close to the goal when the whistle blew. Foy's long passes were caught by Stouffer. Berkley's rally was not in time.

Thus our football season came to an exciting close with only one defeat.

Charles Miller,  
Grade 8, Berkley

**WORD INTERPRETATION**

The Sixth Grade was studying concrete and abstract problems.

Teacher—"David, how did you get along with your arithmetic last night?"

**BOBBY—OUR PET ROBIN**

One morning in May, 1927, my father picked up a young robin that had fallen out of his nest in a beautiful pine tree. The little fellow could not have been over a week old, far too young to take care of himself. So we brought him into the house.

We boiled and egg hard and mixed it with toasted bread; this we fed him in little balls, and gave him water through a medicine dropper. Soon he was able to eat and drink by himself. From this time he became a very interesting pet.

He went out of doors every day, and if we were digging in the garden he would pick up the worms. Later he ate the strawberries and currants. At night he would come to the door to be let in to roost on a beam in the dining-room.

He was first up in the morning, ready to eat breakfast with us. He was very fond of shredded wheat and milk, and you should see him pick the currants and raisins out of rolls! When he was very hungry, he was greedy, and then he would peck at us until we gave him some of what we were eating.

Bobby was a clean little fellow. He would take a bath several times a day, no matter what the mixture was—potato water, starch water, or even jelly juice. After he had dried himself, he would always take a sun bath if the sun shone.

Our pet liked company, too. He would spend his evenings sitting on the back of one of the chairs in the living-room. He did not object to strangers, either, eating out of their hands the same as from ours. Bobbie knew us all when we were dressed in our usual clothes, but he would screech and fly away from us if we put on anything strange, especially on our heads.

We had lots of fun with him in the summer-time, when he would sit on one end of our teter-totter as we pushed it up and down. We never kept Bobbie in a cage. He came and went as he willed, but with all his interesting ways he had one bad habit. He would play hookey. Sometimes he would be gone for days, and how glad we always were when he came back! But we always knew that sometimes he would go and not come back; this he did this fall. We miss him very much, and hope he will return next spring.

David McGovern,  
Grade 4, Tioga Street School

Help send the Seniors to Washington—buy candy.



## WESTMONT LOOKS FOR GOOD BASKETBALL YEAR

### UNDER COACH C. A. ENGH

Coach Carl A. Engh, head of boys' athletics at Westmont High School, in the past football season, gained local fame through the prowess of the team that he turned out, and through the fact that it is the best season any Westmont team has ever enjoyed. For a number of years "Coach" has struggled with crude material, but never was he able to turn out an undefeated team. The one of this past year, led by John McGrath, was virtually that, as it was defeated only in its last game and by a powerful Alumni team, composed of several worthy college players and many weighty others.

Westmont was the only team in Cambria County that was undefeated up to the last game, and the plucky hilltop eleven was highly praised by the sport editor of the Johnstown Tribune, who says, "Another Cambria County School with a very creditable record is Westmont High School. Westmont was undefeated but was held to a tie in one of its seven official games by Conemaugh High. Westmont's victims included Adams Township, Dale, Hollidaysburg, Ferndale, Somerset, and Derry."

Furthermore, as only two lettermen, Captain McGrath and Herbert Fulmer, will be lost to next year's team, the school should have another comendable team in 1929.

With football over and basketball practice started, we begin to think of prospects for a basketball team. Two lettermen, McGrath and Captain Wagner, are back, and with Prosser out, who last year played for Ferndale High, three positions on the team are practically certain. The coach has a great deal of valuable material other than the aforementioned and will not decide upon a permanent varsity until after the first few games. By the first of the year, after the pre-Christmas games, the "first 10" will probably be determined.

Westmont will again be in the southern division of the county league, with Conemaugh, Dale, Ferndale, Richland Township, and Southmont.

The unofficial schedule is as follows:

Dec. 15	Punxsutawney	Away
Dec. 18	Richland Twp.	Home
Dec. 21	Conemaugh	Away
Jan. 4	Ferndale	Home
Jan. 8	Richland	Away
Jan. 11	Conemaugh	Home
Jan. 18	Southmont	Home

Jan. 29	Southmont	Away
Feb. 1	Open	
Feb. 8	Beall H. S. (Frostburg)	Away
Feb. 9	Cumberland	Away
Feb. 12	Johnstown	Away
Feb. 15	Open	
Feb. 22	Cumberland	Home
March 1	Johnstown	Home
March 8	Frostburg	Home

## OUR LIBRARY

To what more beneficial use can we devote our leisure time than to the reading of good books and magazines?

A very important and new addition to the library this year is "The Dictionary of American Biography," published by Scribners. It has been placed on our shelves through the efforts of the Board of Directors.

## THE PESSIMIST

The pessimist is a fellow who always frowns.  
He sees the world up-side down.  
His smiles are tears; his laughter jeers.  
He's a cold hearted fellow  
Who turns days into years.  
You may say, "Yes," he will say, "No."  
And if you want rain, he will call snow.  
He can't see the good in anything you may do.  
But will always explain, "You're just a hoodoo."  
The bright side of life he has shaded from sight,  
But the wrong to him is right in the light.  
He's a drowsy old sort, with a creaky old brain,  
He didn't plant his crops for fear it wouldn't rain.  
Now there's only one hope to keep you afloat,  
Avoid all you can of the pessimist dope,  
And look on the bright side of life.

Thelma Fienberg, Senior, High School

## RING OUT YE BELLS

Ring out ye bells through all the world  
And tell the wondrous story old:  
How Christ in a lowly manger was born,  
Early on that Christmas morn.

Tell of the angels glorious song,  
Praising the Savior's birth in throng;  
Tell of the watchful shepherds flight,  
Into the stable that wondrous night.

The wise men, too, came from afar.  
On that dark night they followed the star,  
And brought their gifts to lay at the feet  
Of Christ, the child so mild and sweet.

So ring out the tidings of peace and love  
From God the Father in Heaven above.  
And haste we, too, without delay  
To welcome Christ our King today.

Emily Thomas High School

## SNAPPY SONNETS ABOUT THE SCHOOL

"How Dry I Am"  
"The Anvil Chorus"  
"Will there be Any Stars in My Crown"  
"Kiss Me Again"  
"Sweeter As the Years Go Bye"  
"For He's A Jolly Good Fellow"  
"March On"  
"Keep the Home Fires Burning"  
"Aloha Oe"  
"I Need Thee Every Hour"  
"There's A Long, Long Trail Awinding"  
"Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella"  
"Sitting on Top of the World"  
"Sonny Boy"  
"Yearning"  
"Just Like A Melody Out of the Sky"

Chemistry Students  
Glee Club

Foot-ball Team  
Malcolm Reed  
Senior Class  
Rees Englehardt  
Failing Students  
After Basketball practice  
Senior's Farewell  
The Freshmen

The Freshmen  
Bob Prosser  
William Boger  
Emanuel Kleinmann  
Alice Devine

"Bob" Gray  
Report Cards  
Miss McGann  
Christmas Vacation  
Graduation  
Mid-term Exams.  
Mr. Belles and "Shorty"  
After a Staff Meeting  
In the Library  
Miss Fienberg

Although only the first volume has been secured, it is believed that by the end of the year the complete group will ornament our library shelves.

Two other important books which will, no doubt, interest the school, have also been secured for the use of the student body. The first book, "Struggle," written by Charles Murphy, presents Commander Richard E. Byrd and his expedition to the frozen Antarctic. The Second book, written by Henry Lanier, "The Book of Bravery," contains one hundred stories of historical heroes.

New editions of the following books have also been placed at the disposal of our more persistent readers: "Les Miserables" by Victor Hugo, "East of the Sun and West of the Moon" by Kay Wielsen, "The Talisman" by Scott, "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexander Dumas, and "English Literature for Girls and Boys" by Marshall.

Besides these important additions, there have been added three new magazines: "Hygeia," "Scribners" and "Musical America."

Read these books. They're good ones. Come early to avoid the rush!

Edwin Hartz,  
Sophomore, High School

## SOPHOMORE ATHLETICS

The Sophomore girls of the "gym" classes have decided to have a basketball team this year and hope to win as many class games as they can in order that they may receive their awards. The team has elected Anna Marie Schneehage, one of its best players as captain, and she says that they will get in as much time as they can for practice.

The players have heard that they will have to work hard to defeat the Freshmen, but the Sophomores feel sure that with daily practice they can beat them.

Agnes Sobditch,  
Sophomore, High School

## GIRLS' CLUB

The Girls' Club has arranged a very interesting program for the coming year. In the last meeting, under the direction of Miss Ethel A. Gray, we practiced Christmas Carols which were sung Thursday Night, December 20. Carol singing has been a custom of our club for a number of years.

The Y. W. C. A. found a family to which it cheerfully contributed for Christmas. There are three children in this family. Each one was given oranges, toys, and clothing. These articles were presented by one of our representatives at



## ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Thus far in Assembly this year, we have been having very interesting as well as beneficial programs. Each one has aimed to further enlighten us upon certain subjects; this has very successfully been accomplished. The students have participated in the programs much more this year than previously, making the assemblies most enjoyable to all.

Our first program was an appropriate one, the main idea being to welcome the Freshmen to our school. Olga Davis, president of the Girls' Club, and John Sawyer, former president of the Boys' Club, greeted them. In our second assembly Mr. Engh presided. This program dealt chiefly with athletics. Short "pep" speeches were given by the following people: Elsa John on Athletics and Scholarship, Telford Eppley on Experiences as Athletic Manager, Martha Boyle on Girls' Basketball, and Rees Englehardt on Football. This was well liked by all, for everyone is interested in athletics. Our third program was one of a business nature. Mr. Engh gave a short talk concerning the school finances. Michael Matonik, president of the Thrift Savings Bank, told us about the bank and urged its patronage. It was at this time, also, that the Budget System was explained. The chapel of the next week proved to be very interesting, as it was the first time that the orchestra appeared. The latter is doing quite well this year, under the most able leadership of Miss Ethel A. Gray. Misses Margaret Fassett, Charlotte Dunkle, and Verna Fulmer, alumnae of the Westmont High School, very pleasantly entertained us during assembly. Misses Fassett and Dunkle sang solos and duets, followed by saxophone selections by Miss Fulmer.

Probably, one of the best examples of a program in which the students alone participated was the one given by Problems of Democracy Class under the supervision of Mr. Tomb. This dealt entirely with the election, a popular topic of that time. Our Thanksgiving Pageant, "Mother Earth," also proved extremely fine because of the beautiful settings and the most effective acting. Mrs. Harris spoke to us just lately concerning the International Art Exhibit at Pittsburgh. She showed us some of the outstanding pictures, and told us why they were considered masterpieces. The Walter Damrosch's Orchestra Programs, presented at various intervals through the

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Student Council was held on Friday, November 23, with a representation of more than three-fourths of the regular number of participants.

After the opening of the meeting, the question of holding Student Council from the view of the benefit derived from it was discussed by various members of the group. Following this discussion, the project of the Boosters Club was presented by John McGrath, and was received with approval. With the thought of making the Boosters Club a success in everyone's mind, the meeting was adjourned.

The Council will be guided this year by the following officers:

*President*, Herbert Fulmer  
*Vice-President*, David Yingling  
*Secretary-Treasurer*, Virginia Harris, and Alice Devine.

Jack Zubrod,  
*Sophomore, High School*

## BOYS' CLUB

At our last Boys' Club meeting, Rev. Strayer gave a beneficial talk to the boys on building themselves into the best specimens of manhood. He also challenged our basketball team to play the United Brethren Church Team of Altoona. Coach Engh promised to consider the matter.

Four new boys have been admitted to the ranks of the Hi-Y Club; namely, Jack Hannan, Lowe McIntyre, Charles Replogle, and Robert Prosser. They have been embarrassed beyond words by going through such antics as heroically standing in the cold, guarding the entrance to our school, wearing out-of-season straw hats and infants neckties, and collecting refuse. We hope that after such course of instructions the boys will feel thoroughly initiated.

Frank L. Bracken,  
*Sophomore, High School*

presented in such a new and unique manner.

Our minds have been developed and enriched along the lines of music and art, due to these splendid assembly programs. This success may be contributed to the supervision of Miss McGann, and we hope that, in the future, programs of the same type will be used.

Elizabeth Hinchman,  
*Senior, High School*

"I do not choose to run,"

## BOOSTERS CLUB

The announcement of a new club, the Boosters Club, has been met with much interest and cooperation.

The purpose of this club is to stimulate the good fellowship and support of our high school. This organization was formed with the special aim in view to enable the clubs and associations of this school to successfully carry on their various projects.

However, the financial support of the residents of Westmont is needed to a marked degree. The students launched a campaign for securing the necessary finances. Posters were distributed among the students, and were given to the purchasers. These were placed in the window of the aforementioned purchasers. The subscription fee is \$1.00 for adults and \$.25 for children.

Although, strictly speaking, the allotted time for the campaign is at an end, those citizens who have not as yet joined are invited, even urged to subscribe and swell the ranks of the members of the Boosters Club.

Olga Davis,  
*High School*

## SOPHOMORE CLASS NEWS

The Sophomore Class has held three meetings this year. At the first meeting we learned a few parliamentary laws. At the second and third meetings we nominated and elected officers. The nominees for each office were limited to two persons. The officers are:

*President*, Charles Kunkle  
*Vice-President*, Eliza Waters  
*Secretary*, Edwin Hartz  
*Treasurer*, Louise Dunkle

I feel sure our class will make great progress with the help of Miss McCann, Miss Canan, Miss Kantner, and with the class members working together.

Eliza Waters,  
*Sophomore, High School*

## WE WONDER

A sufferer who lives close to the railroad wrote the following to a railroad company, complaining about the racket made by the switch engine: "Gentleman, why is it that your engine has to ding and dong and fizz and spit and bang and hiss and pant and grate and grind and puff and bump and chug and hoot and toot and whistle and wheeze and jar and howl and snarl and puff and growl and thump and boom and clash and jolt and screech and snort and snarl and slam and throb and roar and rattle and yell and smoke and smell and shriek all night long?"

## OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE

The truant officers thought that they had at last found some students playing hookey on Friday, December the tenth, but again they were fooled. The victims were innocent "goody, goody" boys who were attending the Older Boys' Conference of the Southwestern Division of Pennsylvania. From our own dear school five young men attended. They departed from school in a great flurry on Friday afternoon, thus causing great expostulation on the part of our aforementioned, noble advocate of the right, Professor Belles, and other instructors.

The conference turned out to be really good and instructive, and the absentees did not miss a thing in school. Three-hundred and fifty young men were present from all over the southwestern part of the state and were enthusiastically addressed by Reverend Relyea of New Jersey, G. M. Tanblyn, Missionary from Egypt, and "Pop" Mace, Radio speaker from Pittsburgh. Johnstown must be a "real" town the way some of our visitors lauded it and expressed the desire to entertain some of the delegates from the cities.

## THE MAN OF THE MONTH

The custom, followed by many magazines and publications, of selecting the man of the hour, week, or otherwise, will be in the future also followed by our newspaper. We hope for its success, but need your help and suggestions. The staff has decided, after deep consultation, that the school has not, as yet, an outstanding person to offer to the public, but that the one of most importance is Mr. Claus, himself.

Santa Claus, in whom we all faithfully believe, is a man who has for many years been neglected; therefore, we are promoting a campaign in which dear Old Santy will be lifted beside Lindbergh, Capone, and Mussolini. He has done much in his extenuated career, and long ago passed Methusaleh's record of 900 odd years of life. We owe him much and he should never be forgotten by us. Leave a little straw on the back porch this Christmas for his reindeer. If this is done, the Seniors might get the bank roll they are looking for; the Juniors, their rings; the Sophomores, the bad boy badges they are anticipating; and the Freshmen, their rattles.

*High School*

The absent-minded professor has nothing on the absent-minded business man who kiss-



## THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

The pupils of Berkley School gave a Thanksgiving Program on Tuesday evening, November 27, at the school. The program included the following:

Mrs. Barnhart's room had two short plays, "Cho Cho the Health Clown", "Giving Thanks", and several primary songs.

Miss Benshoff's room also had a play, a recitation, and songs by the entire group as well as by a smaller group.

The children of Miss Blough's room had one longer play "Aunt Susie's Thanksgiving Party." The play was concluded by music.

Miss Hoffman's boys and girls gave a play entitled "The Spirit of America", based on patriotism. This play included several songs, popular during the war periods.

Mr. Hillegass's seventh and eighth grade pupils gave the following plays: "Negro Dialogue," "Pilgrims," "Newlyweds, First Thanksgiving," and several patriotic plays. There were also several recitations given by the children of the upper grade.

The Glee Club sang a song as a concluding number.

The program was very entertaining. Afterward, lunch was sold in the basement, the proceeds going to the P. T. A.

John Werry,  
Grade 7, Berkley

## FRESHMEN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

When we Freshmen girls came into high school, we knew very little about basketball. The school could not have had a freshman team this year, had not our post-graduate, Elsa Jahn, consented to coach us. The regular coach, Miss Greer is much too busy to bother with the Freshmen.

Our practices are held usually during the seventh period, on Mondays and Wednesdays, when we learn to pass the ball, to shoot baskets, and the other rudiments of the game.

Thus far we have a good turnout for practice, and we hope that this will continue so that next year the Sophomore girls will have a better team. The girls who have thus far gone out for practice are: Louise Kyler, Betty Kyler, Mary K. Chaplin, Virginia Eckel, Margaret Brickner, Gertrude Witt, Marie Rhodes, Nelly Hildebrand, Helen Neafach, Florence Orner, and Ada Kauffman.

## WHY WE BEHAVE LIKE HIGH-SCHOOL CHILDREN

(With apologies to George Dorsey)

Before we can possibly comprehend this amazing subject, we must first understand what the word "school" means to the average child.

As a member of this vast category, I shall take it upon myself to enlighten the "vast unknown" as to the general idea of school—the virtual house of learning.

When we enter this spacious edifice, we are immediately confronted by a benignant yet scowling pedagogue. Upon taking our seats, we hastily cram last night's two-hour length home work into the all too small ten-minute period.

After five minutes, we remember that we have forgotten to return a sheet of borrowed French (or what have you), and just as we get half-way across the room we are halted by a stern, domineering voice, "Child, have you my permission to leave your seat? Resume a sitting posture immediately, and do not darken that side of the room for the remainder of the period. I will not tolerate your loud and boisterous expostulations any further."

"Ye-yes, Miss Killjoy," we haltingly murmur to our bespectacled, indignant admonisher.

And thus it goes—from one class to the next, we shiver at the thought of ones yet to come, thankful that at least several are gone (and forgotten) for the day.

And so—to whom it may concern—I think I may safely say that school alone makes us behave like high school children.

(Signed by one who knows.)

Naomi Wainger,  
High School

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Girls Basketball Team has begun its practice and is showing great prospects for a successful year. This progress has come about through the careful coaching of Miss Elizabeth Greer, assisted by Miss Pomeroy. The schedule has not yet been decided upon, but will include four games away and five games at home, including the Alumnae game. Season tickets will be sold for the five games at home. The team would like to have the support of the student body on the sale of these tickets, as it has always had in former years for similar activities.

Martha Boyle,  
Senior, High School

## PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The third monthly Parent-Teachers Meeting was held on Wednesday evening, November 14, 1928, at Berkley School.

Mr. Seese, the Supervising Principal of the Nanty-Glo Schools, spoke about "Moral Training in the Schools and in the Homes." Mr. Mellon and his orchestra from Nanty-Glo High School also entertained us. One of our patrons, Mrs. Robert Barnhart, sang a solo entitled "Lassie O' Mine."

About eighty persons were present.

Edna Ream,  
Grade 8, Berkley

## EVENING ON THE FARM

Dark shadows were creeping over the farm as Dick drove the cows to the barn for milking. The sun had already gone down. "Come on, milking time," called Father as he picked up the pails and started for the barn. Milking was soon over, and the whole family, after eating supper, gathered about the fire and told stories, played games, and sang songs to their hearts content. Someone heard a creaking noise in the hall, and everyone spent the remainder of the night trying to find what it was that had given them such a fright.

Donald McKelvey,  
Grade 6, Stutzman School

## SUCH AND SUCH BY SO AND SO

I wonder if we have accounted for the many smiles, tired eyes, and aching feet among our Senior girls. Well, "to let the cat out of the bag," there was a Hi-Y convention here over the week-end of the seventh, and the town was flooded with handsome youths here, there, and everywhere. These many young men lodged in the different houses during their stay here. The girls were kept very busy crowding entertainment and automobile rides into the available time when these delegates were free from attending the convention.

We shall all be glad to know that a talented young woman in our midst, Natalie Suppes, has been chosen art editor of the Phoenician.

Virginia Hannan, Ann Stremel, and Emanuel Kleinman are among those who journeyed to Pittsburgh to attend the much-talked-about musical comedy, "Rosalie."

We shall be pleased to know that Cornelia Rogers, a former member of our class, now studying dancing under Ned Wayburn in New York, is coming home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John (Smiley) Murdock are happy to announce the birth of a son, November 21. Mrs. Murdock was Mary Adair before her marriage, and for awhile a member of the class of '28.

Ann Stremel,  
Senior, High School

1432 Luzerne St., Ext.  
Westmont, Johnstown, Pa.  
December 4, 1928

Dear Subscribers:

We school children are very anxious to make the school paper a success. We are working harder and harder everyday to have interesting articles for you to read. I guess you are trying to find out what we are doing in school. Well! I will tell you how, if you promise not to tell anybody. Buy the school paper and read all the news. I thank you.

Louise Davis,  
Grade 8, Stutzman School

## DOGS FOR SALE

The Girl Reserves of Stutzman School are trying to make some money for their Christmas service work. In one of our meetings we made dogs out of pipe cleaners. They proved to be so successful that we decided to sell some. They are very clever on coats and dresses. We sell them for ten and fifteen cents. Any of our Girl Reserves will be glad to take your order. You are sure to want one.

Betty Campbell,  
Grade 8, Stutzman School

## MOAR SINYER KLES NOOZE

Da lest tyme I toldet yew wot we iss gettink noo rinks; well, dey iss hear, now. We woz ankshis dey shood kame ant holl da Sinyers are wery mutch prowt. By the way, hiff henny hoff yew hunderklesmin wisch tew see da rinks, dey iss hon hegzibit hon da hants frum da Sinyers. Dey iss wery bootiful. We iss hollerreddy tinkink off our plaiz, witch will be held sum tyme harownd da hend frum Yannawerry.

Sygmund A. Kaminsky,  
Senior, High School

## DO YOU KNOW THAT—

The first Protestant religion started in Germany?

Westmont is 1700 feet above sea level, which means that residents of this borough live too high?

It takes 300 silk worms to make a pair of silk stockings?

"Eddit" Hartz was a fireman?

The people of Germany erected a monument for the biggest liar that ever existed?

—New York American

Colonel Lindberg has a plane



**CHRISTMAS**

Hurrah, hurrah for Christmas!  
 Old Santa's coming then.  
 Hurrah, hurrah for Christmas!  
 Toys, he'll bring me ten.  
 Old Santa is coming;  
 Is coming through the woods.  
 He'll put sawdust in your stocking.

If you are not good.

Class Work,  
*Grade 1, Berkley*

**WESTMONT-UPPER  
YODER NEWS**

The pupils of the Elim School are greatly interested in this newspaper. Both pupils and parents were pleased with the first issues. The pupils are all working hard for its success.

Margaret Maley,  
*Grade 7, Elim School*

**THE OLD CLOCK'S STORY**

It was very still in the hall. There was no sound but my ticking. Suddenly, in the moonlight, I saw a big white figure and a small black object. The one scared me, but I was not afraid of the other. I saw it was a cat. The other thing looked like a ghost.

All of a sudden the cat jumped up on my head and whispered, "I am the ghost's helper. The ghost is going to kill this family to-night. Who lives here?"

"Why, the Foxes!"  
 "Oh, the Foxes! Excuse us for a few minutes."

So the ghost and the cat disappeared, never to return, for they thought the animal named "fox" lived here.

There is something in a name after all.

Jane Fox,  
*Grade 5, Tioga Street School*

**SANTA CLAUS**

Santa Claus is a very jolly fellow. He has eight reindeer that bring him to us from the north pole. He calls his eight reindeer Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. Santa brings many toys to good boys and girls. Sometimes poor boys and girls live so far away that Santa cannot find them, or in his hurry on Christmas eve, he misses them, and they do not get any gifts for Christmas. We always try to help jolly Santa by giving gifts to these children.

Edna Keafer,  
*Benscreek School*

**HUNTERS AT COON RIDGE**

Many hunters and dogs have been seen around our school. The hunters like to park their cars near our building. They like the water in our pump. We have heard many shots during the day, but have seen few hunters with game.

**THANKSGIVING  
VACATION**

Our Thanksgiving vacation began on Wednesday afternoon, November 28, and ended Monday morning, December 3. We had all kinds of good things to eat for our Thanksgiving dinner. Some of us had turkey or duck, while others had chicken or rabbit with all the good things that go with it. We had a very good time during our vacation.

*Benscreek School*

**WHY WE CELEBRATE  
CHRISTMAS**

We celebrate Christmas because it is the day on which Christ was born. He was born in Bethlehem in an old barn where the cows and horses lived. Shepherds were in the fields watching their sheep. A bright star shone in the sky and an angel appeared before them and said, "Come to Bethlehem, for the child is born whose name is Jesus." They went and worshiped Him.

Wise men came bringing money and clothing for Jesus. When they reached Bethlehem they saw Mary and the baby Jesus. When Mary saw what they had brought for Jesus, she was delighted with it. That is why we celebrate Christmas.

Dorothy Saylor,  
*Grade 5, Elim School*

**MY FIRST EXPERIENCE  
WITH A GUN**

One Saturday my uncle asked me whether I wanted to shoot his gun. I hesitated a little and then said, "Yes." He put a bullet in the gun and I walked outside with it. I pulled the trigger and it went off with a bang. I nearly fell to the ground because I had not braced myself. The next time I will know how to shoot a gun.

Lawrence Tiffany,  
*Grade 8, Elim School*

**A SMOKY DAY**

On Thursday, November twenty-second, during a blinding snow storm, the top of the chimney blew over at Coon Ridge School. The smoke came into the school room, which became so full of smoke that the pupils had to go outside to play. Some tanners came the next day and put a new top on the chimney.

Evelyn Clair Mosholder,  
*Grade 7, Coon Ridge School*

**MY DOG**

I have a little dog  
 That climbs upon my lap;  
 And when I put him down,  
 He jumps upon my back.

**A GOOD CHRISTMAS  
SPIRIT**

Many people think that if they do not get as many gifts for Christmas as they should, they cannot be happy. This is a great mistake. One may have few presents, but still have a good spirit.

You can make others feel happy if you feel happy yourself. It would be a good idea on Christmas for all of us to try to be happy and also to make someone else happy.

Paul Spaduzzi,  
*Grade 8, Stutzman School*

**WHY I LIKE CHRISTMAS**

There are many reasons why I like Christmas. One is that it is the birthday of Jesus Christ. Another is that we sing beautiful songs and carols. Santa Claus brings us toys, candy, and other things. The Saturday before Christmas we go to a big celebration over at Lorain Steel Company where we are given a treat of pop corn balls, oranges, and candy. We talk to Santa Claus and every one has a good time.

Albert Hildebrand,  
*Grade 4, Elim School*

**A SCHOOL ROOM AT  
MID-NIGHT**

"O, dear me, I wish Tommy would take better care of me," sighed Tommy's Arithmetic book to Billy's Geography. "He breaks my back and turns my leaves down. When his teacher gives him a lot of work to do, he picks me up and slams me down with all his might. I'm still black and blue from the other day when his teacher gave him two pages in me to do for homework and he slammed me down."

"I'm better off than you," said Billy's Geography proudly. "Billy takes good care of me, and he never slams me down nor turns down my leaves. He even put a paper cover on me so I wouldn't get dirty."

"I certainly do wish I were you," sighed Tommy's Arithmetic.

Just then their conversation was interrupted by Jimmy's pencil and Fred's pen. "I wish Jimmy would take better care of me," groaned Jimmy's pencil. He is continuously breaking my point so that I grow shorter and shorter. He presses awfully hard on me."

Fred takes good care of me," said Fred's pen. "He never pinches me when he uses me."

But then the clock struck one, so everything went back to its place where it had been left, and once more the school room was quiet.

**HOW A NORMAL SCHOOL  
GIRL SHOULD ACT**

A girl going to seventh grade should act properly in school and all other places. She should also be loyal and considerate of her friends and teachers. Although some minutes are trying, try to hold back angry thoughts and looks. A good example to follow is: "Do Unto Others As You Would Also Have Them Do Unto You."

Margaret Williams,  
*Grade 7, Stutzman School*

**CHRISTMAS**

Christmas will soon be here,  
 With Santa and his Reindeer.  
 They will bring us candy and toys,

For all good little girls and boys.  
*Grade 2, Stutzman School*

**WINTER**

I like winter; for then we can play in the snow. Christmas comes in the winter. Yes, I like winter best.

Bobby Hunter,  
*Grade 2, Stutzman School*

**FIRST GRADE WORK**

Santa Claus is a jolly old man;  
 He gives us all the toys he can.  
 Earlene Nelson.

Christmas tree so tall and green,  
 Are you happy to be seen?  
 Ario Fertick.

A little gray kitten came to our school today. A boy gave it some milk. We wish we could keep the kitten always.  
*Stutzman School.*

**CHRISTMAS AND TWO  
POOR CHILDREN**

Once upon a time, on the day before Christmas, a little girl and boy were walking along the street. They were cold and hungry. The people who passed them were rude, and called them beggars, except one lady who stopped and took them home with her. She gave them a good meal and nice, warm clothes to wear.

The children thought that that Christmas was the best they ever had. The woman also had a happy Christmas.

Edna Fite,  
*Grade 8, Stutzman School*

**EARLY MORNING IN  
THE CITY**

It was very cool. A few automobiles went by now and then. The sun was up. I heard the men begin to work in the Democrat office next door. A train came by. The cars squeaked on the rails. "Honk, Honk," I heard. Along came a car. Many more came. All was quiet again, then along came the tin wagon. A clatter, a bang, and then a rattle of cans; they were gone. I got up then and went down to eat. I paid little attention to anything else after