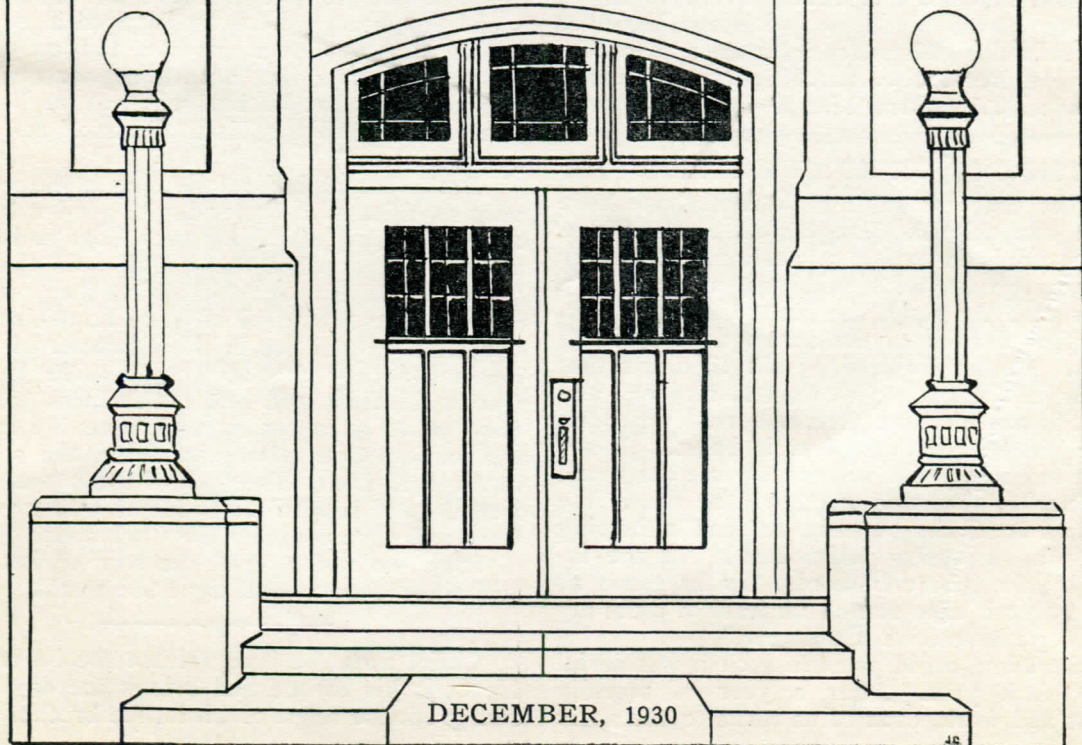


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## THE POWER OF CHRISTMAS

By the time we enter high school, we have all lost our childish thoughts of Santa Claus. Our first joy is in having a vacation. "Be merry all, be merry all, with holly dress the festive hall; prepare the song, the feast, the ball."

Another custom of the season is the giving of gifts. We are inspired by the thoughts that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and that "It is not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare."

In a day and age of science, we see the world sing glory to God and good will to man. We see man's hard heart soften to lend a helping hand to a struggling fellow-man. All are inspired by the Master's words, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Christ alone could prepare such a wonderful holiday each year. After a year of worldly thought and work, each of us turns to the short

season of spiritual thought and fervently prays, "God be merciful to me, a fool."

If we were to fancy a wholly Christianized world, it would be a world inspired by the spirit of Christmas. The power of Christmas is the power of Christ. With this power, we stand; without it, we fall. A certain undefeated football team, before each game, knelt and asked God that they might achieve victory and be worthy of it.

While we lie safe and comfortable in our beds Christmas night, worthier ones may hunger in the streets. Have we earned the right to our blessings? "Thou who through the past year hath given us more than we deserved, give us at this Christmas time the spirit of Jesus Christ."

If we turn to the service of the little Babe, we will find the most perfect of joys. May Christmas be the star that guides us back to our Savior. Christmas, in such an age as this, though we are but high school pupils, will be best of all if we can realize as did the "Children's Poet" that the spiritual predominates in our lives.

Christmas will be best of all if we can lay at His feet the rich gifts of happy, useful, young lives. When we give our lives to the care of the Good Shepherd, we can be engaged in any occupation, for ministers are not the only people whose lives are His. A certain poor man, upon being asked what his business was, replied, "My business is leading souls to Christ; I sell coal to pay expenses."

Both that and the following statements are very significant. A better day of good-will among men will dawn when just such boys and girls as we are, forget what the world owes them, and strives to leave to mankind what they owe.

The true greatness of Westmont-Upper Yoder High School lies in the character of its students. If they are such that aside from the Christmas feast and gift of kindness to others, they go to a sanctuary and have the spirit of the Living God reborn in them, the school is destined to fame. The task of the school will be well done if it will build men of character to go forth and save souls by the Christmas story.

May the radiance of the star of Bethlehem still shine over us and light the world.

Christ must be born within the heart before He finds his throne and brings the day of love and good, the reign of Christlike brotherhood!





# LITERARY

ADAPTED BY M.B.'24

## NOTED POET READS HERE

On October 7, 1930, both the teachers and students of our school were much honored by having the unusual privilege of listening to a nationally known person speak about books. This person was Miss Anna Bird Stewart. Miss Stewart, who claims she is still eight years old "because she likes to be eight as it is a very nice age to be," told how she started to write books and poems. After her talk many students left the auditorium with the desire to write poems, books, or plays and become somebody famous in the literary world.

Miss Stewart was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, of an old Scotch family. Members of her family have been persons of note since 1716, when they first came to America.

Her first story, which she wrote at the age of seven, was published in a Cincinnati paper. As a child, Miss Stewart knew James Whitcomb Riley, whose friendship stimulated her natural gift of expressing the childhood of America in verse.

After her graduation from the University of Cincinnati, with a Master of Arts degree, Miss Stewart lectured on literary subjects. She was often asked to read from her writings, as they became well known. Like many writers she came to New York, where she lives in the "Mark Twain House" in lower Fifth Avenue; here she is the center of an interesting artistic and literary circle.

Miss Stewart's programs appeal to children and grown-ups alike, for Miss Stewart is most certainly as interesting as any child of her age (eight years) ever was.

Several of Miss Stewart's books, autographed by her on her recent visit, may be found in our own library.

## SMILES AND FROWNS

If I only knew where the frowns were kept, —  
What a splendid thing 'twould be,  
For I'd lock them up in an iron box,  
And sink them beneath the sea!

And if I only knew where the smiles were kept,  
I'd steal such a lot away,  
So that every face in the whole wide world,  
Would have one to wear each day.

—Annamae Hoff.

## ARMISTICE DAY

On Monday, November tenth, when students entered their English classes, they were asked to write an essay on the subject, "What Armistice Day Means to Me." Each pupil gave his own idea of the significance of the widely celebrated day.

By the next Friday the two best essays from each of the four classes had been selected: That afternoon, the essays were read by their authors before the student assembly.

The Freshmen whose compositions were selected were Charlotte Singer and Jack Henderson. The Sophomores who were chosen were Mary Louise Walker and Donald Hamilton. From the Junior class, Harlan Smith and Walter Byers were accorded the honors. Frank Bracken and Jack Hannan were champions in the Senior class.

Though the essays were written impromptu, many splendid ideas were given. Some students realized the great historical value of the Armistice, while others regarded it as the beginning of a prolonged era of peace.

This article would be incomplete if we did not give thanks to Julia Dunn, of this high school, and Betty Dunn, of the Westmont grade school, who rendered us two very fine duets. Julia played the violin and her sister the 'cello.

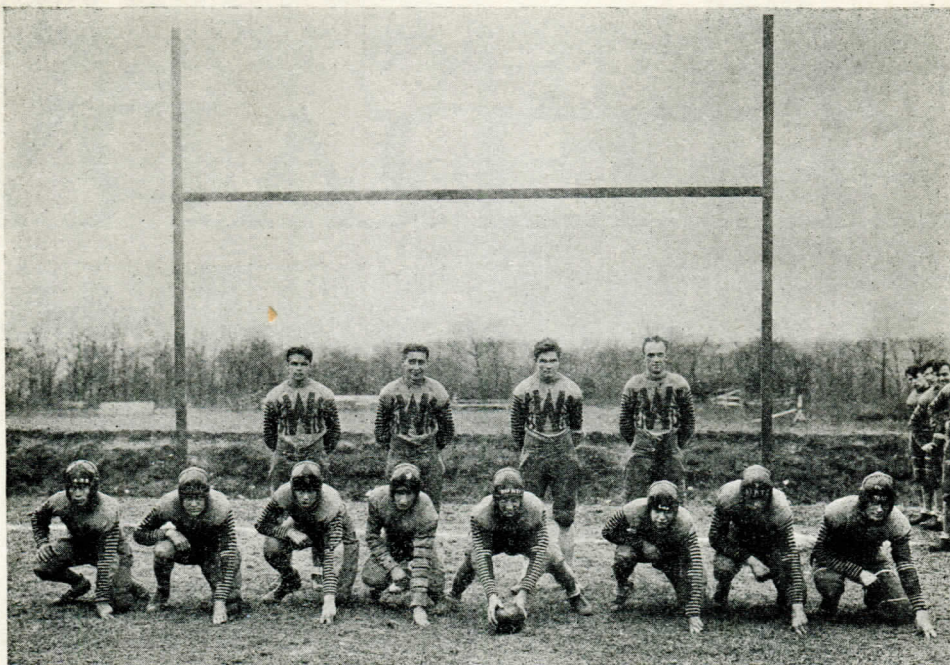
## AMONG THE BOOKS

In our library this year we have some interesting new books, of which we hope everyone will make use. These books are of different types. Some of the biography books are "Sunrise Turn," a fascinating adventure in bookselling; "American Idyl," a rarely fascinating picture of an ideal marriage, and "Skyward," Byrd's own story of his adventures in the air told in a modest and candid way.

There are also a number of new fiction books. These are "Adventures of Francois," a light-hearted irresponsible rascal adrift in Paris during the Reign of Terror; "Jacqueline of the Carrier Pigeons," a stirring story of the siege of Deyden, and "The White House Gang," the plays and pranks of the Roosevelt children and their friends, and the President's part in many of them.

As these books would be both helpful and interesting, everyone should read them.





## UNDEFEATED

Coach Engh, with the aid of Mr. Wolf, led the Red and Gray through an undefeated season. At the beginning of the season, forty men reported for practice; among these were eight lettermen. After three weeks of pre-season training, the team met Adams Township and defeated them 24-0.

In the Dale game, the boys showed their wonderful training. Handicapped by the absence of Captain Marshall, Westmont-U. Y. came through with a victory of 32-7.

Conemaugh was the next victim. The score for this game was 39-0.

Under the floodlights at The Point Stadium, Westmont-U. Y. met its strongest football challenger—Ferndale. The first quarter showed two evenly matched teams. Our strong defense was proven when we repelled Ferndale from a position on the one-yard line, and first down. But in the second quarter, Ferndale completed a forward pass for a touchdown. Between the halves we had the pleasure of hearing both teams favorably commented on by Governor Pinchot. In the second half, Westmont-U. Y. came back to completely outplay Ferndale and bring the score to a 6-6 deadlock.

Coming back from a week's vacation, Westmont-U. Y. turned back Blairsville by a 13-6 defeat.

The next week the boys met poor opposition and defeated Derry by a 40-0 score. This proved to be Westmont's best game, because Ferndale, our greatest rival for honors, was defeated by Derry the following week by a score of 13-7.

The powerful Somers set team fell before the onslaught of the Red and Gray aggregation. Five minutes after the game started, Westmont took the ball over for a touchdown. The rest of

the quarter and part of the next was played in the open field, with Westmont-U. Y. having the edge because they soon made another touchdown, making the score 13-0. The half ended with the Red and Gray ahead. The third quarter was played in a deadlock. On a trick play Westmont-U. Y. made its last score in the fourth quarter. The game ended with the score 19-0.

The Red and Gray finished its season with a victory over Patton by a 35-6 score. In this game six seniors ended their football careers at Westmont-Upper Yoder High. These boys are: Hannan, Wagner, Hartz, Barrett, W. Lewis, and Kunkle.

The line-up follows:

Marshall (Captain)	.....L.E.
Hartz	.....L.T.
Labe	.....L.G.
Barrett	.....C.
Kunkle and Tarr	.....R.G.
Hannan	.....R.T.
W. Lewis	.....R.E.
Peel	.....Q.
Alexander	.....L.H.
Foy	.....R.H.
Wagner	.....F.

## THE "B" TEAM

The Westmont-Upper Yoder High School not only had an undefeated varsity team, but they also had a fine, but not quite so successful junior varsity. Most of the fellows on this team played their first year of football in stiff competition. These young stalwarts won two games, these being from New Florence and from Southmont High, and lost two games, these being to Cochran and Garfield.

Coach Wolf was the big factor in training raw material into a smooth working machine.





COACH ENGH



COACH WOLF

## Blue-Ribbon Coaches Make Our Strategy Board a Victory Producer

Of late, Westmont-U. Y. athletes have established reputes for being extremely hard to beat, for no matter what the opponents attempt, our boys can always go one better. In tracing this condition to its source, one must invariably settle upon our two athletic mentors—Engh and Wolf, because it is this combination which develops our silver-winning teams. Undefeated elevens are not turned out by accident but are the results of much strenuous work put forth by such men as those just mentioned.

For some time Coach Engh has been known to the world of sports as the individual who from less than three hundred pupils molds consistently grid battalions that superior weight and numbers cannot overcome. A major portion of his time is spent in polishing football and basketball toters, so that the Red and Gray may come out on top. From the sidelines he executes every play with his team and takes, we verily believe, the same amount of punishment. C. A. Engh is obsessed with the desire for but one kind of team—the team that plays cleanly, works perfectly, and brings home the bacon.

This year saw a new mathematics instructor make his numbers perform to good advantage on every occasion. Coach Wolf was in a great measure responsible for that smashing line that held an arch rival to four downs on the six-inch marker. What is more, he trained a reserve squad that battled against the varsity in order to produce experts in the regular lineup. "Bob" Wolf labors for an unbested band of players, and it has already been demonstrated that his labors have a marked tendency to be accomplished.

Besides being well-drilled, the teammates require the knowledge of a few maneuvers not listed among everyday football or cage tactics. That the Engh-Wolf strategy board is a most clever one is a forgone conclusion. Many instances there have been where the opposing unit

was left staring into space or tying shoestrings while Westmont-U. Y. romped to another tally. "Skullwork" builds elusive crews, and with our present coaches at the helm, the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School need never lack A-1 athletic representation. Coach Engh and Coach Wolf are fulfilling more than admirably their end of the "No Defeats, No Failures" campaign.

## BASKETBALL PROSPECTS

Now that the muleskins have been stored away in moth balls, Coach Engh and his athletes have turned to basketball. Among the twenty-candidates who turned out for the initial practice were five regulars, Marshall, Wagner, Kindya, Hannan, and Kunkle. Other hold-overs with experience are Alexander, Hartz, Rodstein, Kaminisky, and Barrett. Also, among the new candidates are several promising players, so that the prospects for a successful season are very bright. The schedule is not completed, as yet, but the school will be represented in the Conemaugh Valley League, which includes Ferndale, Dale, Conemaugh, Southmont, and Adams Township.

Other non-league games will be scheduled with Blairsville, Johnstown, Cumberland, Beall, and probably two or three other strong quintets. The opening game will be with the strong Blairsville team on the nineteenth of December.

## Girls' Basketball

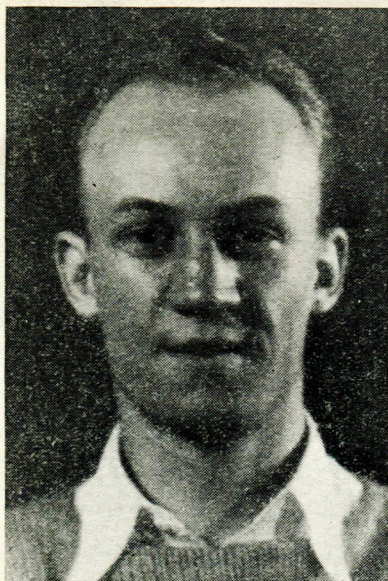
Girls' basketball got under way this year with the election of the first Assistant Manager, Anna Stenger.

There are twenty-one girls trying out for positions on the team. Each girl is working diligently for a position on the varsity.

We regret deeply that Margaret Brickner will not be with us this year. Margaret was capable of playing any position on the team and was quite a promising star.

"It isn't whether you lost or won, but how you played the game."





## HAMER WAGNER

During the few years that the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School has been represented in the athletic world, quite a commendable line of stellar athletes has been turned out. The latest appendage to the roster is the name of the most colorful player thus far connected with the hilltop institution—"Hamie" Wagner. For four years this sports luminary has been a member of the gridiron crew or the basketball outfit, and on every occasion has proved to be no ordinary teammate.

On the football battleground Wagner early earned the reputation of being a "marked" man; yet in spite of this fact no one has discovered the combination which would stop him. A quick getaway, a terrific drive for the line, and the illustrious Red and Gray back had again clipped off appreciable yardage. But if the opposing squad failed to plug all holes tightly, Wagner romped across the chalk lines like so much smoke. His firing bullseye passes and poling out hefty punts also accounted for much of Westmont's punch. Indeed, in a recent clash a murmur of apprehension was clearly perceptible each time "Hamie" held the pigskin. As well as being an offensive gridder he owns the defensive ability that ranks him as an all-around player. A man downed by Wagner is downed, not to progress any farther. That such prowess is widely recognized is shown by the choice of Wagner as the outstanding county football toter.

Basketball, too, saw this versatile star build up a most enviable record. Elusive footwork, coupled to shots that land with fatal precision, led to more than one Red and Gray victory. Many hotly-contested battles have lent "Hamie" a cage experience that assures him of a position in the first rank of this indoor game.

Few high school athletes can boast of a record so brilliant as this one. Gridiron generalship, basketball skill, and constantly good perform-

ance, controlled by an indomitable courage which always manages to grip a few more inches or points, put this player in a place with the best. At the graduation of the Class of 1931 the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School loses an athlete never to be forgotten, a representative of the school who has contributed a huge share to its reputation as an institution supporting clean sports—HAMER WAGNER.

## OUR PLAYERS

The Red and Gray pigskin chasers have just completed an undefeated season. The undefeated season is contributed to the work of individual players but "All for one and one for all."

The team was under the generalship of Captain "Tags" Marshall. In every game "Tags" worked with his men. He gave advice as well as encouragement. Playing left end, "Tags" deserves much credit for his capability in this position.

Hartz, a letterman of last year, played left tackle. Eddie surely did break up trick plays. We are sorry to have Eddie a Senior which means his days of high school football are over.

In the position of left guard, we have Labe, a sophomore. This position, while it does not demand as much fan attention as quarterback does, demands from the player a wide-awake brain and alertness. Much can be expected from Labe in later years.

At center we find Barrett, a letterman and a Senior. We lose Barrett with graduation but we can't forget how Eddie got in and fought in every game.

The right guard position was filled capably by Kunkle, another letterman and a Senior.

Also a senior and former letterman filled the position of right tackle. "Si" Hannan played each game with a determination to win.

Another graduating letterman, Bill Lewis, filled the position of right end. Billy's fine run in the Somerset game will not be soon forgotten.

Again a Sophomore shines. This is Lewis Foy, quarterback. Louie is great at intercepting passes.

Then too the triple threat man, a Senior letterman, Wagner, is in the backfield. Wagner certainly is a triple threat man, as every opposing team has found out.

Alexander, our yard gainer, is also in the backfield. "Nonie" has a knack of dodging other tackles and is very successful in gaining yards.

Last but not least is Peel, the fullback. "Ronnie," working with Wagner, Alexander, and Foy, certainly made a showing for our backfield.

A word of appreciation is due to the "B" team and substitutes for the Varsity. Every game found these fellows on the bench all excited and ready, on a minute's notice from the coach, to go in and fight for our Alma Mater.

Curt Owen and Ray Benshoff, manager and assistant manager respectively, are to be credited for their work in getting the field ready and toting the dummy around.



### DR. NICELY'S MESSAGE

Dr. Nicely, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, was our guest on Friday, September the twelfth. He spoke chiefly of the future and our duty concerning it. He opened his talk by saying that he considered himself fortunate in being able to with us. He also complimented us on our school by saying, "I am pleased to see the finest things here in the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School. The things that attracts me most is the motto: 'Sportsmanship in Good Living.' That is a great motto. Sportsmanship demands that we get off to a good start."

During the whole course of Dr. Nicely's speech, he upheld Henry van Dyke as a literary high-light. He quoted from Mr. Van Dyke, "There are four things a man most learn to do:

To learn to think without confusion clearly,  
To love his fellowmen sincerely,  
To act with honest motives purely,  
To trust in God and Heaven securely."

Rev. Nicely continued by saying, "You are, whether you like it or not, the hope of America, and you and your group in America are the hope of to-morrow. The hope of to-morrow depends on you. You can do just what you want to, within reasonable limitations, and can make to-morrow what we want it to be. If you want to get anywhere in the future in this modern world, you must learn to use your head."

In his conclusion, Dr. Nicely stated that life here is a preparation for that something away out there, that we know nothing about. This life is a preparation for that life eternal. Then he quoted again from Van Dyke, the four things a man must learn to do.

We found that Dr. Nicely is not only a good preacher but a good sport and friend of boys and girls also. Each Sunday evening Dr. Nicely gives a short talk which is especially interesting to high school students.

### A PHASE OF OUR THANKSGIVING SPIRIT

By the coöperation of our student body with our Girls' Club and Boys' Club, we donated food to certain needy people at Thanksgiving, a most appropriate time. The following list of articles brought will give you an idea of the aiding spirit of some of our classmates:

Sugar—8 lb.; salt—2 lb.; beans—4 lb.; canned goods—72, consisting of milk, tomatoes, corn, peas, spinach, pork and beans, soup, macaroni, and spaghetti; jello—2 pkgs.; jelly and preserves—25 jars; dried fruits—3 lb.; cocoa—2 boxes; cornmeal; buckwheat; peaches; pears; oatmeal; shredded wheat; cornflakes; potatoes—2 pkgs.; cabbage—8 heads; apricots; pumpkin; Uneda biscuits; noodles; rice; relish.

The food remaining, after sufficiently aiding several families, was divided among the needy children at the Tioga Street School.

Besides this donation of food, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and the Family Welfare each received \$15.00.

IN MEMORY  
OF

**Margaret Brickner**

WHOSE LOSS IS DEEPLY  
REGRETTED

BY THE ENTIRE SCHOOL  
AND ESPECIALLY BY HER  
JUNIOR CLASSMATES

### COVER PAGE

After much thought and after many attempts to secure a permanent name for our publication, the matter was put before the student council, which is the representative of the student body. They decided to keep the name "Yodler."

The similarity between "Yodler" and "Yoder" is seen at a glance. This is the first thing that makes it appropriate. It is a name which is different in its suggestion than such common names as "Gossip." Some of our boys seem to think they can yodel like the Swiss. You likely know how the Swiss mountaineers yodel the news from one hilltop to another. Perhaps we can take a lesson from the Swiss, and instead of filling our paper with "Gossip," we yodel the news from Westmont and Upper Yoder to our readers.

Surely you have all observed our new cover design. When the talk of a new cover design began, someone suggested that we design it from a picture of the doors of the school building. Accordingly our Junior photographer, "Dick" Stewart, took the picture, developed, and printed it. James Gurley, the art editor, immediately set to work, and work it was. Surely, James deserves a hearty thank you from our readers.

### WHAM! OUCH! WE STILL REMEMBER

Oh! how those paddles did sting! At least the Freshmen boys thought so.

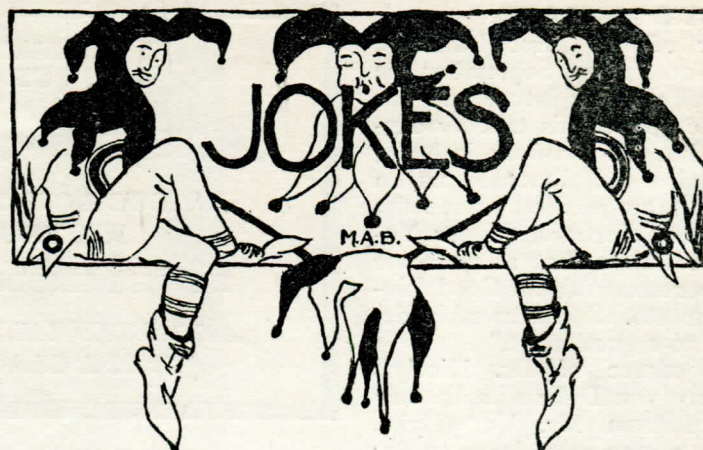
Let me tell you that initiation was plenty "stiff" and very few Freshmen boys will forget it. Those big Seniors had no mercy on us either. The more they hurt us the harder they hit. In fact they hit so hard that some of the Seniors broke their paddles.

They put boxing gloves on two Freshmen and boy! did they go at it? Oh, and another thing—the fellows who were popular seemed to get the worst of the bargain. It doesn't always pay to be popular.

And that audience wasn't content with just looking on. They had to go as far as to make suggestions. If the audience wanted one Freshman to get *one* or *two* more than the others, he got it. No one was slighted, but then we'll soon be Seniors ourselves.

—Written by a Freshman.





Bracken (Furiously): It's to be a battle of wits.

Doris: How brave of you to go unarmed!

"My girl," said Chips, "is a decided blonde."

"Yes," said Kay, "and I was with her when she decided."

"What four words does a pupil use most?" asked Mr. Tomb in class.

A. Stock: I don't know, sir.

Mr. Tomb: Correct.

Jean Stitt: Ronny said he was going to take the most charming girl in the world to the dance.

Wag: The wretch! after promising you.

Girl: Why do you always hold my hand when you make love to me?

Boy: Just to see if you've got your fingers crossed.

Foy: Can I be your steady fellow?

Wee: If you were any steadier you would be motionless.

The teacher was testing the knowledge of the kindergarten class. Slapping a half a dollar on the desk she said sharply, "What is that?"

Instantly Jim Gurley pipes out, "Tails."

Shomo: My motto is: "What's worth doing, is worth doing well."

Little Dave: I notice that whenever you make a fool of yourself.

Neafach: Is the man dangerously wounded?

Bill Lewis: Two of the wounds are fatal, but the other one isn't so bad.

Maloney: Does your wife ever beg for money?

Baloney: No, she always demands it.

Rosie: So there was some hot necking at your house last night?

Ab-a-dab: Yeah, Uncle George got too near the gas jet with his celluloid collar.

Pollock: I want to see Mauler Mahoney, the ex-champion prize fighter; is he in?

Maid: Yes, but you'll have to wait. He won't get up till the clock strikes ten.

Fortune Teller: I warn you—a dark man is about to cross your path.

Dodson: Better warn the dark man.

Judge: I understand that you demand charges against this man.

Barrett: No, sir, I demand cash; that's why I brought him.

Geist: (Riding in an Austin): Oh! look how dark it's getting. We must be going through a tunnel.

Don Adams: No, honey, that's just a greyhound bus passing over us.

Savoldi II: I'm going to get a divorce. My wife hasn't spoken to me for six months.

Smitty: Better be careful; you'll never get another one like that.

Kunk: Can a man be convicted of killing time?

Chips: Not if the clock struck first.

Babe: What makes this auto rock?

Wag: It's a Plymouth.

Miss Esenwein: John can ride the mule if he wants to. Now, Edwin, can you put that sentence in a better form?

Hartz: Yes, ma'm—John can ride the mule if the mule wants him to.

Tarrie: It's a fine day, your Honor.

Judge: You're right, and the amount of yours will be \$10.00.

Cornelius: I understand your hens have stopped laying.

Benshie: Yes, two of them have.

Cornelius: What's the reason?

Benshie: They had an auto accident.