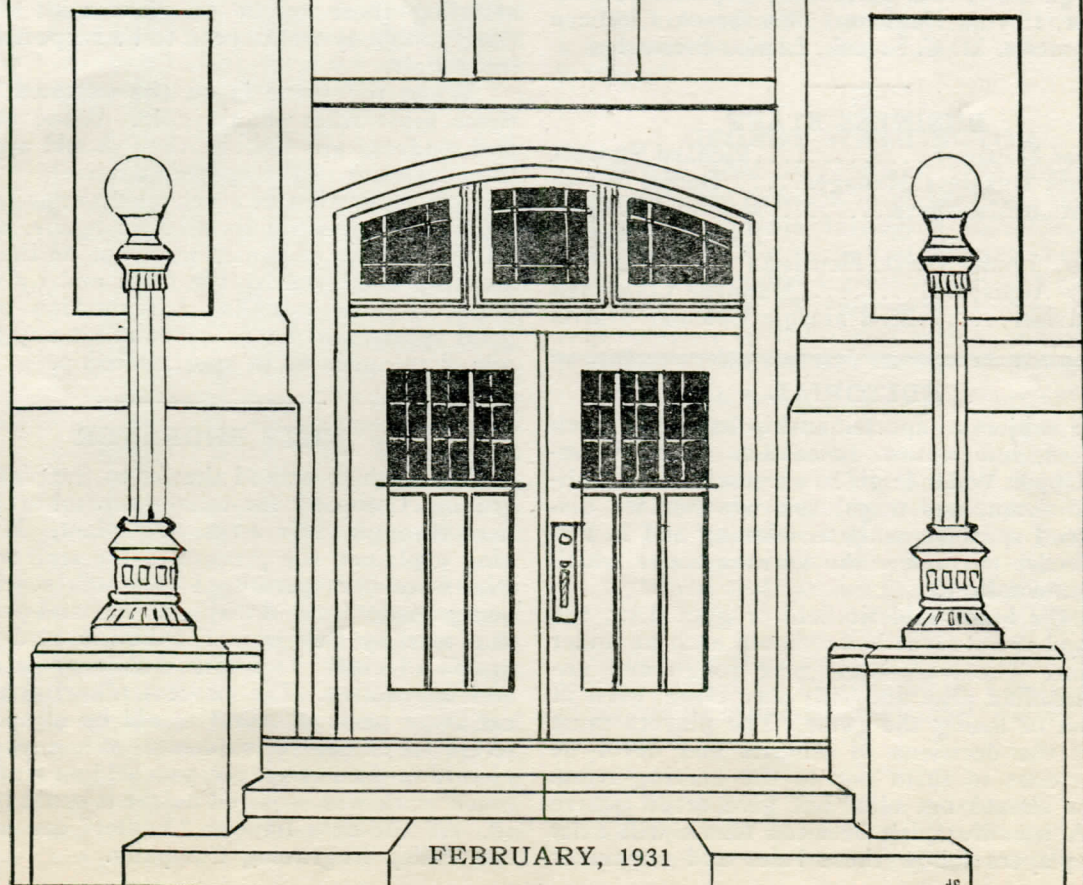


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EDITORIAL

The subject of sportsmanship has been much discussed, but is not exhausted. With Westmont-Upper Yoder High so successful in its athletic program, one might ask whether we display good sportsmanship in winning and in losing. So let us review the various codes which we should follow.

On the home athletic field or gym floor, the team and the student body should each be under restraint. The team must take rough and unsportsmanlike play and still play clean, even at the cost of losing the game. The players must respect the decisions of officials and never be discourteous to them nor to the visiting team. Players should not alibi but give credit where due. A friendly spirit between teams will exist if the players follow these rules and remember

they are playing only for the love of the game and for the school.

The student body at a home game should set the example for other spectators by their actions and their attitude. The pupils should overlook bad decisions by officials, should not hiss or boo players or officials, never attempt to "rattle" a player, nor make abusive or irritating remarks from the sidelines. They should not boast about winning, nor abili about losing. They should do everything possible to make visitors welcome. If the students follow such a plan, good spirit between schools will be intensified.

It is a very distracting thing for the players when spectators stand behind or lean on the banking board in the gym. Since there is plenty of room to stand elsewhere, they should be considerate of the teams and leave that space vacant. Moreover, it appears as though people standing there might interfere with the ball. Surely, nobody wants even to be suspected of being unfair.

When the game is on the opponent's floor, these same rules should hold. When the team and students are visitors, they should appreciate the courtesies of the opposing school.

The reputation of a school depends to a surprising extent upon its athletic teams, not only on the number of games won, but on the sportsmanship displayed by the team and by the students. Let us establish a reputation of being good sports, and let us never allow any team or school to outdo us in sportsmanship.

VISIT ENGRAVER

We wish to extend thanks to the Valley Engraving Company for taking several staff members through their engraving plant. Mr. Henning explained the process to the staff members who were then permitted to watch several cuts being made from drawings. A hand-press like that used by Benjamin Franklin is used to print proofs of cuts. The visit was very interesting and instructive. The process allowing acids to eat away parts of metal would be of special interest to chemistry students. When you see a picture in the newspaper, you seldom realize how much work was required before it could be printed. All the cuts for our "Yodler" are made by the Valley Engraving Company.

LITERARY

ENJOYABLE ASSEMBLIES

On the 23rd of January, the Junior College Trio entertained us in assembly. The trio consisted of Louis Piper and Sigmund Kaminsky, both graduates of our high school, and "Al" Mainhart. The program included solo and trio selections of popular songs rendered in quite an appealing way. Among them were "Yours and Mine" and "You're the One I Care For." They were much enjoyed by the boys, and also by those girls "who are so sentimental." Since this was during the tests, the song "You're Driving Me Crazy" was directed at the teachers. The whole program was enthusiastically received by the assembly, and the pupils' only regret is that the program wasn't twice as long.

An entirely different type of program was presented on February 13. Mr. Shaw-Bah, a Persian by birth, gave us an interesting account of his life. He told of his experience in Persia during the World War with all the horror and unjust acts of the Turks made very vivid. He has become a citizen of our United States, and he loves his adopted country very dearly. This talk was very interesting and was appreciated by the student body.

We are fortunate in having such interesting and enjoyable assembly programs as these. There are several more such programs for the Fridays during the remaining months of school.

BOOKSHELF

Since this month we celebrate the birthdays of three noted men, we should know something about each one. There are several books in the library that tell about them.

In the stories about Lincoln, those who like to read about younger life, telling a number of escapades in it, will find Nicolays' "The Boy's Life of Lincoln" most interesting. Those that are not humorous but are interesting nevertheless are "Abraham Lincoln" by Drinkwater, and "Abe Lincoln Grows Up" by Sandburg. Perhaps the greatest biography of Lincoln ever written is "Abraham Lincoln" by Lord Charnwood, an Englishman.

Stories about Washington are "George Washington" by Lodge and "The True Washington" by Ford. These books portray Washington as he was—honest, noble and loyal. "The Seven Ages of Washington" by Wister was written only because of the kindness of friends, who published some private memoirs. "George Washington, Farmer," brings an account of his home life and agricultural activities.

Everything that Longfellow wrote may be found in "Longfellow's Complete Works."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The 12th of this month marked the celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Every true American knows how "Honest Abe" rose from the log cabin to a place in the sun. He took upon his shoulders the destiny of a nation, and proved himself far greater and more capable than those who sought to guide their "inexperienced" president.

A world frowned on him and his own beloved country opposed him. All the while his heart was grieving for the lives being lost in that horrible war. Through it all, Abraham Lincoln stood like a giant girl with the strength of God.

The splendor of such an intellect alone could produce such a masterpiece as his Gettysburg Address. From the mind and heart of Lincoln came words and thoughts which we ponder over and cherish.

He was a citizen of a far country where there is neither aristocrat nor democrat. Through him, slavery was abandoned by civilization.

He had begun the great task of reconstruction when fate decreed his course was finished. These fitting words were read at his burial: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gave him to see the right, he had striven to finish the work he was in."

In the words of H. W. Bolton, "His biography is written in blood and tears; uncounted millions arise and call him blessed! A redeemed and reunited republic is his monument."

His colossal and immortal character inspires a universe to strive for a purer, nobler, holier manhood.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

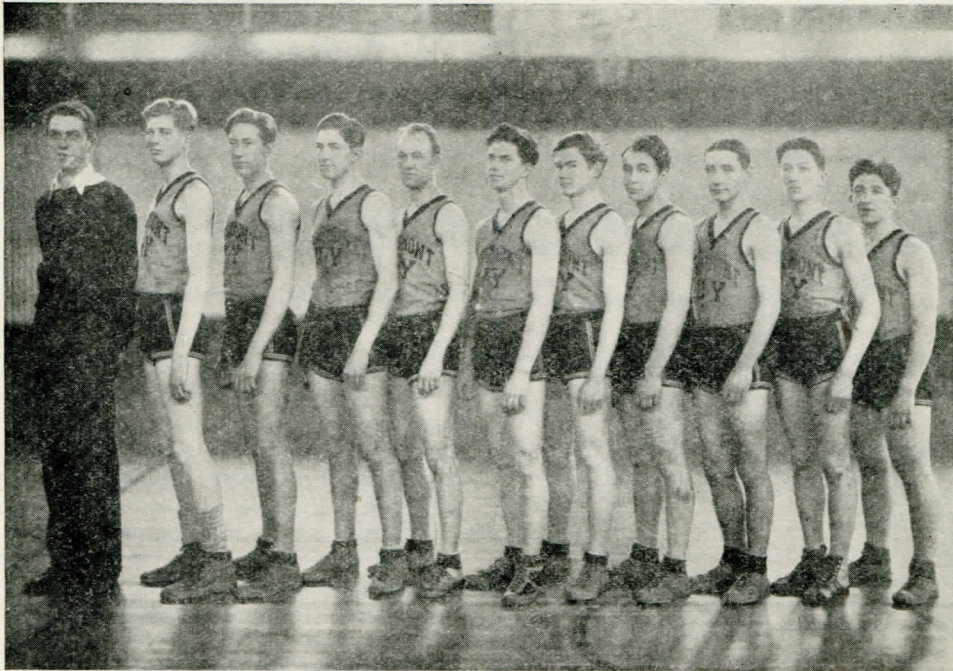
On the 22nd of February, 1732, a man was born who was destined to greatness; a man who later led the colonies through a fearful war; who suffered at Valley Forge and triumphed at Yorktown; who founded a great nation and guided it for eight years. A statesman, soldier, patriot, sage, teacher of truth and justice, admirer and preserver of liberty was George Washington.

O noble brow, so wise in thought!
O heart so true! A soul unbought!
O eye, so keen to pierce the night
And guide the 'ship of state' aright!
O life so simple, grand and free,
The humblest still may turn to thee.
O king uncrowned! O prince of men!
When shall we see thy like again?"

—Mrs. Mary Wingate.

Long live the United States of America and always may it be the citadel of Liberty! This alone can be fitting tribute to the "Father of Our Country."

To be a good patriot, a man must consider his countrymen as God's creatures, and himself as accountable for his acting toward them.



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Opponent	W.-U. Y.	Opp.
Dec. 19—Blairsville	31	11 Home
Dec. 23—Southmont	40	6 Away
Jan. 6—Blairsville	27	18 Away
Jan. 9—Dale	48	15 Home
Jan. 13—Adams Township	49	31 Away
Jan. 16—Conemaugh	29	28 Home
Jan. 19—Ferndale	32	29 Away
Jan. 27—Dale	47	12 Away
Jan. 30—Ferndale	20	28 Home
Feb. 5—Beall H. S.	36	19 Away
Feb. 6—Alleghany	34	43 Away
(Extra five-minute period of play)		
Feb. 13—Adams Township ...	73	30 Home
Feb. 17—Southmont	57	15 Home
Feb. 19—Conemaugh	37	41 Away

TEAM LOSES THREE GAMES

The team met its first defeat at the hands of the Ferndale team. The hilltoppers had not worked without "Hamie" and "Mike" before, but they held on till the last few minutes, when Ferndale spurted to a 28-20 victory.

In Maryland, Westmont-U. Y. fought a hard game with Alleghany High School. Our team lead throughout the game. But during the last quarter, Millard Kaminsky and Mark Marshall were removed for personal fouls and Alleghany tied the score at 31-31 as the game ended. The extra period reversed our previous success and we dropped to the short-end of a 43-34 score.

Westmont-Upper Yoder High School met an unexpected defeat when they bowed before Conemaugh on the opponents' floor. The team was unable to "click," the opponents seized the unexpected opportunity and left Westmont-U. Y. on the short-end of a 41-37 score.

WESTMONT-UPPER YODER REGISTERS FOUR VICTORIES

The basketball team beat Dale on the Dale floor, and since it was the last game for "Hamie" and "Mike," they ran up the score to 48-15.

On a trip to Maryland, the team played Beall of Frostburg, and after an evenly contested half, piled up a 36-19 victory.

Adams Township was forced to call Friday, the thirteenth, an unlucky day when as a tribute to "Nonie" Alexander, who is leaving our school, our team romped to victory with a 73-30 score.

Southmont fell easy prey, with the score ending 57-15.

OUR PLAYERS

Charles Kunkle, co-captain, is our center. He is tall, speedy, and accurate. And can he out-jump those centers!!

Mark Marshall plays forward. He is very alert, swift, and certainly knows his aim.

Millard Kaminsky also plays forward. He now takes the place of Mike Kindya, and in many instances proves to be a brilliant player.

Jack Hannan plays guard and we owe much of the team's success to his aggressive playing. He also serves as co-captain on the team. Jack has the respect of all the boys.

"Eddie" Hartz is our other guard, and plays the position formerly held by Hamie Wagner. He also helps the team along by his good playing.

Then there are our substitutes, Wilner, Foy, Peel, Rodstein, and Ellis, who play various positions and will furnish good material for next year.

We all regret having lost "Nonie" Alexander, who moved a short time ago. He also substituted for the team.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Our Girls' Basketball Team certainly has had a successful season, and the entire school can be very proud of it.

The big factor of the team was its fighting spirit. They set out this year to win every game. Of the eight games that they played they lost only one, that with Adams Township, and have one more to play.

Much credit goes to our coach, Miss Greer, who kept the team in good shape and did such good training. We shall not forget our manager, Eliza Waters, who served the team faithfully.

Our freshman class contains a lot of good material for the future years. Many of them have come out to practice and even served as substitutes on the varsity, and they look very promising for future years.

Those who have played on the team are Elsie Minchau, Captain, Agnes Sobditch, Louise Kyler, Charlotte Brickner, Virginia Eckel, Mary Catherine Swank, Anna Marie Schneehage, Naomi Berney, Dora Bowers, Thelma Alexander, Jane Townsend, and Dorothy Alexander. We are sorry to say that we have lost the two Alexanders since they have moved from town.

The girls won a game against Conemaugh girls on the 19th of February. The final score was 44-24.

GIRL RESERVES HAVE PARTY

All who were at the Washington-Valentine party given by the Girl Reserves last Friday had a very enjoyable time. After several clever games were played, dancing added to the entertainment. Cookies, punch, ice cream, and mints were served. The evening ended too soon for many.

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL

With five games yet to be played in the boys' interclass basketball, the seniors and sophomores hold leading places.

	Won	Lost
Seniors	6	1
Sophomores	5	1
Juniors	2	4
Freshmen	0	6

In the girls' interclass basketball, the seniors again lead, but with the freshmen not far behind.

	Won	Lost
Seniors	2	0
Freshmen	2	1
Sophomores	1	1
Juniors	0	3

FACULTY GAMES

The faculty games were played on January 23 and provided everyone with an interesting evening.

On the women faculty team were Miss Greer, Miss Kantner, Mrs. Robinson, Miss O'Connell, and several township teachers. The girls varsity mercilessly rode over them and attained a 43-13 victory.

On the men faculty team were such notables as Mr. Sharp, Mr. Engh, Mr. Wolf, Mr. McIlnay, and several township teachers. The boys' varsity kidded them along by advancing the ball to a player under the basket and then, instead of shooting, they threw the ball back to their guards. Several times the men had a spurt, but they lost 34-22.

After the games, Dick Stewart's orchestra furnished music and those who were not "played out" enjoyed some dancing.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Mr. Sharp's absence made it impossible for him to write a note in this column. He has previously stated that he wishes us to carry his motto, "No defeats, and no failures," throughout all phases of school work. Yet he is more anxious for Westmont-Upper Yoder High School to be sportsmanlike than to be victorious.

Miss McGann, our principal, does her utmost to place our high school at the top in all its branches of endeavor.

As an outstanding example of sportsmanship, she cites Sir Thomas Lipton, the famous English yachtsman, who has been many times defeated but never "licked." In him we see displayed admirably the qualities which we can develop from the application of our motto for the year—"Sportsmanship in living."

Sportsmanship is like good health; you cannot get too much of it. Some years ago and even at the present time with a certain class of people the idea prevails that whatever you can get away with is good philosophy. However, that is a code that prevails among sneak thieves, and who of us desires to be placed with that group?

Gentle in strength, courageous in weakness; on the level with your adversaries and yourself is what one would call sportsmanship.

Every coach desires to win and welcome victory, but demonstrating superiority is not the goal he is after. The means employed to achieve this superiority are of greater consequence and the results sought are not championships alone, but victory of the player and the school over the temptations of unfair tactics. How many of us can recall the scores of the games we participated in some years ago? Very few of us, I am sure, but we haven't forgotten those games in which the opponent played unfairly.

Do not forget that those of us who play the part of spectators have splendid opportunities to show our sportsmanship. Cheer good plays on both sides and never interfere with the referee or players by lack of self-control. Though the decisions may not be to your liking, accept them in the spirit in which they are given.

C. A. Engh.

Defeat is only for those who accept it as such, but to others it is an incentive to do better work. The crowd always cheers a winner but the real victor is the one who can use his defeats as a means of improvement to win great victories. The games we play run parallel with the game of life, for in both we must learn to work harder when we meet with adversity.

R. C. Wolf.

There is no impossibility to him who stands prepared to conquer every hazard; the fearful are the failing.

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTED

The election of George Tarr to fill the office of President of our Student Council is an event of some importance.

During the past year, the student council has been presided over by Jack Hannan. He has served faithfully and performed his duties willingly. He presented the president's gavel to his successor in assembly on February 13.

The nominees for the presidency were Richard Stewart, Jean Sitt, and George Tarr. Each pupil in the school voted by signed ballot. The president is always selected from the Junior class to serve the remainder of the year and most of his Senior year.

We feel sure George will capably and conscientiously carry out the work which devolves upon him. He is assured of the coöperation of the student body.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

In the assembly of January 30, 1931, fourteen varsity football letters were presented by Dr. Scharmann, chairman of the athletic committee, to Captain Marshall, Jack Hannan, Hamer Wagner, Vernon Alexander, Ronald Peel, Edwin Hartz, Edward Barrett, George Tarr, William Lewis, Louis Foy, Fred Stiffler, Charles Labe, and the manager, Curt Owens.

The sweaters were gray with red letters and stripes. The letters are different from those of previous years. Instead of the plain W we have the uWy. On the right of the W are gray stripes indicating the number of letters earned in a single sport. On the left sleeve are red stripes which represent the number of sports that letter has made.

The W.-U. Y. monogram was awarded to the following boys: Audie Erdman, Fred Wenderoth, George Lewis, Allan Pollock, William Kintner, David Miller, Clarence Hammerle, Normie Wilner, Millard Kaminsky, Thomas Ellis, Charles Shomo, Jack Zimmerman.

BOYS' CLUB

Shortly after the mid-term tests were over, the Boys' Club was privileged to have a very eminent person, Doctor Swan, address them. Doctor Swan gave a very helpful talk, and it was well received by all present.

Mr. H. G. Andrews, prominent Johnstown newspaper man, told the club something about the newspaper business. Those interested in scholastic press work especially profited by Mr. Andrews' talk.

More recently the Boys' Club was addressed by Mr. Kenneth Ripple from a Johnstown advertising company. Mr. Ripple managed to give a long talk in a short time. His subject, "Advertising As a Vocation," was very instructive. It revealed the wide scope of advertising work.

FORENSIC LEAGUE

Westmont-Upper Yoder High School will enter its orchestra in the Forensic League competition this year. This will be the third year the orchestra has been entered. Both previous years we won the orchestra cup. The choral clubs were also successful the first year, but last year were forced to withdraw when it became impossible to receive the music in time.

In 1921, the contestants were not grouped according to the enrollment of the schools. Last year our school entered the contest in class C. Because of our increased enrollment, we will enter this year in class B. This class includes schools with an enrollment between 250 and 700 pupils.

The elimination contest for the southern part of the county will be held at the Central High School. The winner then enters the County Contest at Ebensburg. The winner competes in a sectional contest, and then for the State Championship.

The required selection for the orchestras of class B is "Sinfonietta" by Franz Schubert. "The Meeting of the Waters," an old Irish tune, is required for the Mixed Glee Club. "Nina" by Pergolesi is required for the Girls' Choral Club.

In addition to these organizations, Westmont-U. Y. High School is entering Julia Dunn, violinist, and Clyde St. Clair, trombonist.

We wish our musicians, singers, and soloists the best of success in their undertakings.

Miss Gray, our music supervisor, has charge of these entries; this year she is again working diligently to prepare them. We extend our thanks to her for her untiring efforts.

JUNIORS SPONSOR VALENTINE DANCE

The first social event in the Juniors' 1931 calendar was presented in the form of a dance, given in the high school gym Saturday evening, February 14. The music was furnished by the well-known orchestra leader, Louis Piper, and his famous Pied Pipers, who played many of the latest hits, much to the delight of those present. The gym was decorated in red and white, with hearts forming the background. The selling of punch and cakes was made possible by members of the Junior class.

The Junior class greatly appreciates the support given to them by the other members of the student body.

TEACHERS ILL

We regret that Miss Osborne is suffering from an automobile accident in which she had several bones broken. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her, and we hope she can soon return to school.

Miss Canan was also forced to miss several weeks of school because of illness. We are glad to have her back again.

"The first mark of valor is defense."

JUNIOR CLASS TO PRESENT MYSTERY PLAY

The Junior class, after much thought, has decided to give a play which won popularity in both England and America. It was written by A. A. Milne. It is known in England as "The Fourth Wall," but has been reproduced in America under the name "The Perfect Alibi."

Under the capable instruction of Miss Margaret Greer the cast is working very hard to make this play a success. The cast is as follows:

Jimmy Ludgrove	Richard Stewart
Susan Cunningham.....	Mary Kathryn Chaplin
Edward Laverick	James Gurley
Edward Carter	Jack Zimmerman
Major Fothergill	William Kintner
Jane West	Anna Stenger
Mrs. Fulverton-Fane	Gladys Momberger
Arthur Ludgrove	Ronald Peel
Adams	George Tarr
P. C. Mallet	Edward Hoffman
Sergeant Mallet	Walter Byers
Maid	Vera Potter

Critics claim that this is the most nearly perfect detective story ever written.

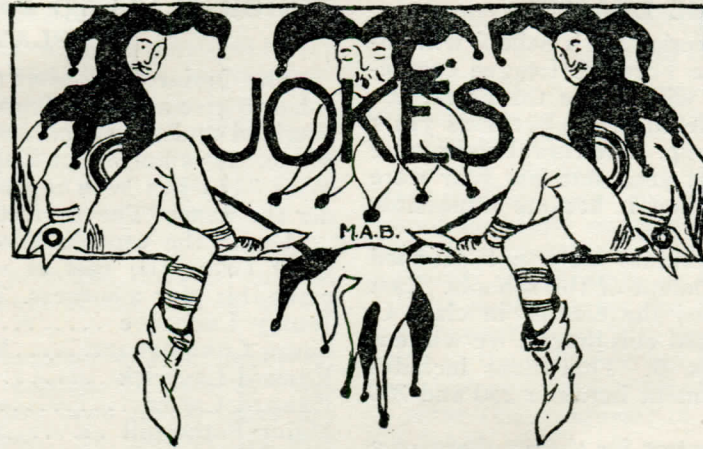
The play will be presented in the high school auditorium on Friday, March 20. A large audience is expected. Those who watch closely will see a man murdered before their eyes. Then a perfect alibi, and the things that follow are sure to keep the audience thrilled. The excitement reaches a high pitch when the heroine defies the murderer.

WHAT'S THERE?

How many of you have walked down the main hall and noticed a large tapestry just across from Mr. Sharp's consultation room? Probably all of you have noticed it and wondered what its significance was. Most of you at some time or other have sat on the chest and leaned back against the tapestry. Not unless your head bumped on something that projected out beyond its surroundings did you suspect that the tapestry had any purpose besides that of beautifying the wall. If you were inquisitive, you looked behind the tapestry and discovered that your head had hit a door knob. But where could this door open into? You never got a chance to explore any further. Then one day when you were sitting in the balcony of the auditorium, you wondered what the booth in the back of the balcony could be. How many figured out that the hidden door in the hall led up a few steps into a moving picture booth in the balcony?

BEAT ALLEGANY

Tonight our team plays Allegany High School basketball quintet in our gym. We dropped a previous game to them in an extra period. Come out tonight if you want to see a good game. Both teams are anxious to make it interesting.



Kunk: — And then he lit a match to see if the tank was empty.

Geist: Is he dead?

Kunk: No, the tank was empty.

Head: Are you playing ping pong again?

St. Clair: No, I gave it up because I thought it might hurt my midget golf game.

Mrs. Keffer: I don't see why you let your husband keep the newspaper propped up in front of him when he is eating.

Mrs. Ott: Well, you see, it protects me from his grapefruit.

Mr. McIlmay: So Meekton finally came out boldly and declared his contempt of his wife?

Mr. Engh: Yea, but he did it in his will.

Mrs. Epel: These photographs you made of myself and my husband are not at all satisfactory. Why, Charlie looks like an ape.

R. Stewart (Just starting business): Well, madam, you should have thought of that before you had this picture taken.

Old-fashioned Youth: Sweetheart, may I hold your hand?

Modern Maiden: Sure, hop on to it.

Peel (Years from now): Dear, what is the matter with this steak?

Jean: It started to burn, so I put some unguentine on it.

Mr. Tomb: George Whitten, find the United States on this map.

Chips: Here it is, teacher.

Mr. Tomb: Right. Now, Hamer, who discovered the United States?

Hamer: George Whitten.

Miss Landis: Charles, why do the ducks and geese fly north in the springtime?

Shomo (Immediately): Because it's too far to walk.

Rosie: Where is that parrot that swore so?

Louise: It wandered on a golf course and died of shock.

Mrs. Dodson: Sarie, it's two o'clock in the morning and it's time that young man was going.

Sara: But, mother, Curt left half an hour ago, and Don has dropped in for a little visit.

Miss Canan: Give the law of machines.

Science Student: You cannot drive a car without a license.

Ab-a-dab: Normie must be feeling the heat by now.

Perrie: Where's he living.

Ab-a-dab: He's not.

Mike: I'm afraid to venture onto the streets.

Stiffie: Surely the holdups are not that bad.

Mike: No, but my creditors are.

Chicago Police Captain: The racketeer got away, did he? Did your men guard all the entrances?

Sergeant Shomo: Yes, but we think he left by one of the exits.

Romeo Stewart: Have you ever been kissed before?

Juliet Chaplin: Y-y-y-yes, 'cause I n-n-never could say n-n-no fast enough.

They cure Scotch people from stuttering by making them talk over the long distance phone.

Haynes: Why don't you try to get a job?

Cornelius: Employers prefer to hire married men.

Haynes: Then why don't you get married?

Cornelius: A girl won't marry a fellow unless he has a job.

Old Gent: What to your mind is the most objectionable feature of prison life, my friend?

Convict 9876234: Visitors.