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EDITORIAL

The staff is out for adventure, in other words, trying to do something new. Two or three years without any difference in the style and content of the school paper is too much for it, so it has to have a change. Since the very first day of school, or rather since the very last day of school last year, it has been racking its brain for some new or remedied idea through which it could put out a peppy, up to date, inexpensive publication that would be different from any of our others, and in which the entire student body would be interested. At last someone, after the loss of much valuable time and sleep, conceived the idea of publishing a newspaper in which we could run everything from wedding announcements to death notices or household hints. This suggestion was hailed by the rest of the staff with great joy for it meant no more proof-reading, no more advertisements, and a thousand and one other things that are distasteful to a staff. Then, too, the overworked students were considered. What a blessing, thought the staff, it would be if the poor wretches could be spared the agony of writing lengthy themes and essays, heart-rending poetry and the like. And so after pondering seriously over many such weighty questions, it was finally decided that a news sheet would be printed at different times during the school year, the first one coming out about Hallowe'en.

In this, the first number, practically all the work has been done by the members of the staff. It is a model number and gives the general idea of the kind of material that it aims to publish. It does not pretend to be a literary publication, nor on the other hand, does it intend all of its material to be of a strictly humorous nature. In a nutshell, news items of any sort, notes on athletic and school activities, short snappy stories, humorous or serious poetry, recipes, puzzles, jokes, alumni or faculty notes or anyother sort of short articles, will be published in the future issues of the paper. All news itmes must be handed to Charles McGahan and other articles to any of the class editors; namely, Charles Dunkle, Viola Prowdfoot, Catherine Scammell, and Helen Crooks.

We are extremely sorry that such important events as Manny Higgins' birthday and Jack Reeses' first appearance in "longers" cannot be celebrated by a publication of "GOSSIP", but circumstances force us to recognize the less important holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Washington's and Lincoln's birthday and Easter, at each of which times we expect to put out an interesting paper.

Look out for the Thanksgiving number, on or about November twenty third. See to it that your name is among the list of contributors !

The Editor.

Departures

On our return to school this fall, there was something noticeably lacking. The very spirit of the school seemed to have failed to return with the opening of the new term. We were not long in discovering the cause of our loss. We missed the dear old Seniors, whom we had learned to think of merely as a part of the old school. It seemed strange, and it was hard to realize the fact at first that we would never again see them as our mates in this High School. Of course everything is much the same now; but when we consider for a moment, it becomes plain that the gap which they have left in our school life can never be fully repaired.

Our first Senior class certainly has left their Alma Mater and gone out into the "wide, wide world." They are scattered at schools in every part of this state and in adjoining states; the following list will furnish those who are interested with information of the present whereabouts of our departed Seniors.

Anna Bailey - home
Roselyn Berney - Music in Philadelphia
Robert Bingham - State College
Francis Byers - University of Michigan
Lillian Callot - home
Frank Carter - Dickinson College
Helen Custer - Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Mary Englehardt - Indiana State Normal
Gus Fries - School of Applied Arts and Sciences
Florence Hoad - home
Kathryn Langsford - home
Dorothea Leahey - Westchester Normal
Norine Miller -
Margaret McGahan - Indiana Normal
Lois Mowrey - Wilson College
Haydn Powell - home
Alice Reilly - here
Seabrook Reilly - St. Bonaventure's College
Charles Tarr - Washington and Jefferson
Perry Thomas - Swarthmore Prep.
Helen Wachob - Memorial Hospital
Franklin Williams - Carnegie Tech.

Charles McGahan '23.

Arrivals

A dignified Senior, forgetting himself for the moment, rushed head-long into the laboratory where our eminent professor of science, Mr. Williamson, was just completing an experiment. Keyed, as he was, to the highest pitch of excitement, he grasped the professor rudely by the arm and dragged him out of the room and down the hall.

"There it goes!" He dropped the professor's arm and, stopping short, pointed.

"What?" asked the bewildered professor.

"That? I don't know what you call them. See! There went another one."

At last the professor managed to distinguish small, shadow-like figures moving rapidly about, as though in great confusion. At least one of them, which did not seem quite so agile as the majority, managed to wedge itself between the fire doors. The Senior grabbed it before it could free itself, and holding it gingerly, he placed it before the professor and awaited an opinion. After five minutes of profound study and meditation, a light dawned the professor's countenance and a little gasp of relief escaped his lips.

"Let him go," said the professor with a knowing smile. He can't hurt anything."

The Senior was so surprised that he dropped the cause of all his excitement and was kept from falling only by the steadying hand of the professor.

"Why - you said to let him go! and that he couldn't hurt anything," the confused Senior managed to blurt out, after many stammering attempts.

"Well, that was one of the new students."

"What? You don't mean to say that that thing which I held here a minute ago was a student of the W.U.Y.H.S.? Impossible!"

"Well, not exactly a student, but he is a would be student, or in other words, a Freshman."

And then, with that smile of know-it-all superiority, which so galls any human being who has attained the dignity of Senior in High School, he marched back to his work in the laboratory, leaving the Senior to bemoan the day when such things might be enrolled in our High School as students.

And thus were this year's Freshman received into the daily life of the W.U.Y.H.S. However, you mustn't judge our Freshman too harshly. They have developed and improved greatly during the past month and it is our wish that, within four year's time, they maybe one half as good as we consider the present Senior Class to be and that, we think, is the highest goal which they could possibly attain.

Charles McGahan '23.

The Faculty

The not unusual occirronce of changes in our faculty was repeated this year. Miss Emma Bortz, our teacher of languages during the past year, has been succeeded by Mme. F. McFarland and Miss Grace Osborne. Mme. McFarland received her higher education at Oxford. She came to America in 1919, and is teaching for the first time in our High School. Miss Osborne, our new Latin teacher, resides in Potoskey, Michigan. She taught in a private school in Austinburg, Ohio, during the past term.

Miss Barto, who taught M.&M. History last year and assisted Mr. Engh in the book-keeping department, is succeeded by Miss Virginia Ross, of Tyrone. She is graduate of the Indiana State Normal School.

The Girl's Club and Its Work.

This year the Girl's Club hopes to be more active than ever before, and with the co-operation of the girls of the school, there is no reason why its desires should not be realized.

The social committee has planned for several parties. In order to earn money for these parties, and to send girls to the Nepahwin conference, candy will be sold every noon, and icecream for lunch every Thursday. It has also been suggested that a bake sale be given in November, and a bazaar in December. The social service work will include visits to the hospital and settlement house, as well as assistance in individual families.

During the summer a lawn fete was held to raise money to send Margaret Jones, Catherine Von Alt, and Sylvia Peden to the conference at Nepahwin. In September the girls went on two swimming parties and a hike.

The officers, who were elected last May, are:

President - Mary Wright
Vice President - Josephine Williams
Secretary - Ruth Langsford
Treasurer - Catherine Scammell

The cabinet members appointed are:

Chairman of program committee-Marjorie Reynolds
Chairman of social committee-Leah Schaup
Chairman of social committee-Sylvia Peden

Catherine Scammell '24

Senior Class Organization

At the beginning of the term, the Senior Class held a meeting for the election of class officers. A president, vice president, secretary and treasurer were elected. These are as follow:

President - Edgar Leahoy
Vice President - Carl Weimer
Secretary - Mary Wright
Treasurer - Ted Campbell

A few days after the election of officers, we also nominated and voted for officers for the Athletic Association. Two boys, William Marley and Carl Weimer; and one girl, Mary Wright, were chosen.

There are several things to be considered in our Senior Class. Among the most important are the class flower, ring, dues, colors, and motto. Committees for the deciding of each of these matters were appointed by the president of the class. These committees are to give their reports at the next class meeting.

Now that the Senior Class is organized and the officers are elected, it hopes to lead the school in all activities.

Maye Finkelson '22/

The Warning

People of Westmont and friends very dear,
Do you realize that Hallowe'en is quite near
When the spooks come around and the goblins appear?
But take my advice and you need have no fear.

We're a band of - that's telling-on the corner we meet;
We like the dark alley instead of the street;
We outwit the "cop" and we're swift on our feet;
Our motto - "We're out hunting something to eat."

We silently steal out on Hallowe'en night;
We hunt the dark places instead of the light;
We ransack the ice-boxes, take what's in sight
I warn you, you'd better lock them up quite tight.

I've given fair warning as Hallowe'en draws nigh,
You'll remember it when, the next morning, you'll spy
An empty refrigerator and you'll sadly sigh,
"I wish I hadn't passed that warning by."

- A Friend.

Temptations

My little yellow puppy dog
Is scratching on the door;
His barking seems to say to me,
"Come out and play once more."

The tree outside my window here
Keeps tapping on the pane;
It beckons me to come outside
And wander down the lane.

The Man in the Moon just laughs at me
As I bend o'er my book;
The wind is calling, "Come, O come
And puck the nuts I shook."

O wind! O trees! I want to come,
And moon up in the sky;
But there's a task that's set for me,
I'll stick to it or die.

- Mildred Wagle '24.

Leah tripping falls into the arms of David Faunce.
Dave - "The thrill that comes once in a lifetime."

Sylvia (declining aestas) aestas, aestis, aesti (ice tea).

My Most Famous Oration

Address to a Teacher Upon Demanding a Raise in Grade,
Or, The Battle of the "D" As Planned.

Miss _____, I think you will admit that the quality of my work, not to mention its quantity, during the past month, has reflected my painstaking study of the subject and has been, in the whole, high above the average. I speak more in pain than in anger when I say that it has been to me a matter of profound surprise that you have not seen fit to acknowledge, through my monthly mark, my faithful study and labor of last month. To the end of this month, I shall continue my efforts with unremitting zeal, when, if you still fail to recognize the value and quality of my work and to materially raise my grade, I shall feel obliged to make application for assignment to another class.

As Delivered.

If you are not too busy, sir, _____ I mean ma'am--There is another little matter--in fact, the truth of the matter is in fact exactly--well, I was just wondering whether--of course, I wouldn't think of questioning your judgment, and perhaps I have made a mistake in mentioning it--but don't you think that if I work a lot harder this month I--er a-- that is, I might be able to--a--better my mark a little?

(With apologies to Christopher Morley)

- Ted Campbell '22.

My Visit to California

My visit to beautiful California was full of interesting trips in the mountains and on the seashore but the one that fascinated me most was my trip to Yosemite National Park.

Yosemite is a valley situated in the scenic pine wooded Sierra Nevada Mountains. There are many trout streams which help to make it more attractive. The green of the trees, the colors of the rocks, the pure fresh air and the sunshine lead many people to visit it each year.

I came up to Inspiration Point and beheld the Bridal Veil and Yosemite Falls. When they are sparkling in the sunlight, there is no fairer scene. Looking up I saw the snow covered "Half Dome" dazzling in the sunlight. To my left I beheld "El Capitan" with the "Lonesome Pine" growing in the naked rock thousands of feet up. Below me was beautiful Mirror Lake where the water is so clear that much of the scenery reflects in it. The Great Dome itself is mirrored in the lake and is quite plain and majestic. I took a stage through Redwood Grove and saw the oldest and largest trees of mankind. One here, "The Dead Giant," has an arch way formed in its trunk through which a road extends. It is 8,000 years old, the oldest in the world.

If any of my readers visit Golden California, remember to fo

to Yosemite Valley for here in our own country are some of the most magnificent and wonderful sights of the world.

- Jack Reese '25.

The Tennis Tournament.

It was a clear bright morning in August on which I arrived in Back Bay, Boston. This city, called the Athens of America, was always interesting to me when I first was a student of United States History as it was the leading city in the fight for American independence in the Revolution.

But historical events did not bring me to Boston. I was sent there to represent the Tri-State in the National Lawn Tennis Championships. I stopped at the Hotel Lenox, as it was here that all the other players lodged. I arrived the twenty second and the tournament did not open till the twenty third. That night my sleep was anything but peaceful, as my mind had so many things to occupy it. In the morning I met the Pittsburg representative and he and I went out to the courts which were located at Longwood. The courts were grass, which was a new thing to me; but he had played in two national tournaments at Forest Hills.

That afternoon we both came through with victory, he defeating the man from Massachusetts and I the one from Washington D. C. The next morning he was defeated by a New Yorker, Q being victorious over a Philadelphian. It was after this match that I had the honor of being complimented on my playing by William Tilden the world's greatest net wonder.

That night a banquet was given by the National Lawn Tennis Association in honor of the American Davis Cup Team composed of Tilden, Johnston, Norris, Williams, and Washburn. I think every one enjoyed this banquet. At least I did.

The next day I met my Waterloo at the hands of another Philadelphian, he being beaten the next day by the boy from Indianapolis. This was the wind up of the tournament.

In the afternoon, after we had finished our matches, my friend and I always went up to Chestnut Hill where Tilden, Richards and others were fighting for the doubles honors, Tilden and Richards being victorious. It was here that I met such stars as William Johnston, Norris Williams, Mrs. Mallory and others.

The day after the end of the tournament, my friend left early in the morning as he was going to stop off at Princeton University. I left that afternoon for Johnstown. I was glad to see the home town, but it was a great change from the tennis world of Boston.

- David O'Laughlin '24.

Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en, the evening of October thirty-first, is so called because it is the night before the day of All Hallows, or

All Saints, which falls on November first.

In England and Scotland it has long been celebrated by fire-side gatherings, with many ceremonies which are supposed to discover a future sweetheart. It is thought to a night when witches, devils, and all other mischief-making beings are abroad on their destructive errands; particularly those mysterious people, the fairies, are said to hold a grand anniversary on that night. The Scotch people, especially, use many ceremonies to discover their future life-mates. Burning nuts is one famous charm. The nuts are each given the name of a boy or girl and then placed side by side in the fire; accordingly, as they burn quietly together, or start from beside one another, the course and issue of the courtship will be. In another interesting rite one person takes a candle, goes alone to a mirror and eats an apple before it; the face of the sweetheart "to be" will be seen in the mirror, as if peeping over the person's shoulder.

In this country Hallowe'en is known chiefly as a time for boys' pranks, practical jokes and parties. In recent years, however, communities, as a whole, have celebrated this "Eve of Fate" by festivities and parades in which every individual can take part. Thus Hallowe'en has become one of the most popular and most enjoyable holidays of the year.

Dorothea Luebbert '23

The Track Meet

The annual Cambria County Track Meet was held at Ebensburg on October first. Westmont Upper Yoder High School was represented by the largest team yet put on the field—eleven boys and seven girls. The boys' team took fifth place with eight points, while the girls' took fourth place with six points. A large crowd of rooters accompanied the teams to Ebensburg. They are worthy of much praise for their pep, spirit and interest. This is especially true because, though the school is larger than last year, there were fewer who went to Ebensburg than in 1920.

This year's team shows good prospects for next year. Most of them will be in school next year and with the training and experience received this year, they should have a good chance of making a winning team.

The results of the meet were as follows: Edgar Leahy took first place in the pole vault, thereby giving us good reason to be proud of him, as he is the first member of our High School to take a first place in any event in the meet; Frank Leahy took fourth place in the pole vault; Henry Seitz got fourth place in the low hurdles; and Sam Callet fourth in the shot-put. Viola Peden won all the points made by the girls' team. He took second place in both the baseball and basketball throws.

The Athletic Association.

The pupils elected for the Athletic Council this year were: Carl Weimer, William Marley, Mary Wright, Katherine Stackhouse, Seymour Callet, Frank Leahy, Viola Peden, William Seitz, and Janet Cook. The

first meeting was held on September 30th when the by-laws and constitution were read and the following officers elected: President, Mary Wright; Vice President, Frank Leahey; Secretary, Katherine Stackhouse; Treasurer, Carl Weiner.

Jokes

Sam Callet to Ted C. (in English Exam) "Say, who wrote the Hundred Years War?"

Miss Lewis - "Frank, who is the King of England at the present time?"

Frank P. (waking up) "Lloyd George."

J-is for Johnny, a brick top galore.

E-is for Earl who is fun to the core.

S-is the scraps which they fight out each day.

T-for the trouble, between them we lay.

B-for the both; choose which is the best.

O-they're just awful and give us no rest.

Y-for the youngsters, what can you expect,

S-for the school they have not quite wrecked.

One reason why our noon luncheons are so good is that we have two Cooks and a Baker.

Miss Greer - "John, what do you have the seventh period?"

John N. - "I'm vacant that period."

T-is for the truck which carried us to and from it.

R-is for the race, and we pretty nearly won it.

A-is for the afternoon in which we made our showing.

C-is for the cheering which kept the whole school going.

K-is for Miss Krebs who chaperoned the bunch.

M-is for the morning and after that came lunch.

E-is for Edgar Leahey, the champion of our team.

E-is for Mr. Engh to whom we owe our chief esteem.

T-is for the team who altho they showed great pluck,

Next year will be immune from fright and have much better luck.

E. M. Jones '25.

Miss Greer - "Now, boys and girls, watch the board closely and I'll go through it again."

All jokes handed in by the Seniors should be written on tissue paper so the Freshmen can see through them.

Mr. Engh in Com'l Geog.- "Where do we get vanilla?"

Bright Student - "Vanilla grows on a vine."

Puzzle Page

Example: Subtract three letters from a gun; add three and make a kitchen utensil.

Answer: - mus - ket - , ket-tle.

The initial letter of the first word will spell a common flower.

1. Subtract three letters from a color; add three and make to delight.

2. Subtract three letters from a valuable fur; add two and make inactive.

3. Subtract three letters from to annoy; add three and make to snatch.

4. Subtract three letters from a brown pigment; add three and make to build.

5. Subtract three letters from to disregard; add three and make a particular kind of a formal speech.

6. Subtract three letters from a state; add three and make an animal.

7. Subtract three letters from a dwelling place; add three and make to postpone.

N O T I C E

Answers to these puzzles will appear in the next issue.

Miss Lewis - "What was the national romance of Rome?"
Alvina B. - "Romeo and Juliet."

S-is for school just begun;
I tell you that it is no fun,
For when you are late --
Your name's in the slate,
We'll say it keeps one on the run.

History Notes:

Chivalry is a noble on horseback.

The Hudson Bay Company was a tract of land set aside for a game preserve.

(We think Miss Lewis has room for despair concerning her History class.)

W-is for Westmont we unanimously say.
U-is for unity all through the day.
Y-is for you to help pave the way.
H-is for hardships we sometimes say.
S-is for success in work and in play.

Elizabeth Rogers (reciting on "Grammatical Errors We Hear Every Day." "One should always be careful to put a sentence at the end of each thought.")

Jo Williams and J. Csgood say they have to see about the ring.
(I wonder what they mean?)

