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WESTMONT WINS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Y. M. C. A. was crowded to the brim with Westmont and Johnstown enthusiasts to see Johnstown do battle with our strong team. Westmont came on the floor in fine condition and with the great determination to win. Westmont proved superior in defensive and offensive, and passed and shot superbly. The team worked together as a machine thus giving Westmont the victory. The forward positions were filled by Leahey and Seitz so well that they were always getting field goals at the needed times. The splendid basket-work of Leahey and Seitz featured the game. Seitz's work featured in the game, especially by his superb foul shooting. Monk Cook filled the cen-

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High School Bldg.
Feb. 8, 1924.

Dear Editor and Staff:

I, too, am deeply interested in the welfare of our school and in any movement to make it bigger and better.

While prowling about the building I have overheard a number of things which may not have reached your ears.

Some things said by some visitors about our "School" and "School Spirit" made me purr contentedly for hours. But!—I overheard a few remarks recently that rudely interrupted the purring. So, I am sending you a few remarks which I hope you may consider of sufficient importance to publish in the next issue of the gossip.

Yours for progress,
(Signed) The Janitor's Cat.

Editor's Note:

The above note was found recently near one of the mouse holes in the Senior Candy Box.

So many good ideas are presented that we have decided to pass them on to our readers under the caption of the "Janitor's Cat."

I feel confident that any suggestions for making our school better will be gratefully received if addressed to the "Janitor's Cat."

WOODROW WILSON

Woodrow Wilson ranks as one of the greatest presidents of the United States. During his two terms of office mighty empires crumbled, thrones collapsed, the maps of Europe and of the world were changed, and one of the bloodiest conflicts of history was carried on. Under his guidance, the American Republic came to the rescue of the Allies and became an active participant in the world upheaval and turmoil. No president since Lincoln was so loved and so hated. Acclaimed at one time as a man of peace, he heard himself mocked and denounced by his own people as an autocrat.

Woodrow Wilson was born at Staunton, Virginia, December 28, 1856. After graduating from several colleges and practicing law for several years, he became an educator and in 1902 was made president of Princeton University. From that time he became important as a reformer and as an author. By his interpretation of facts and records, he made the past and present vivid. On account of the strength of his irreproachable character and his scientific knowledge of the principles of government, he was chosen governor of New Jersey in 1911. As a result of his successful term as governor, which included many reforms, he became a Democratic nominee for the presidency of the United States and won the election. His first term of office was marked by international questions rarely equalled in importance, the revolutionary outbreak in Mexico, and the great European War, both involving the lives and interests of Americans. He handled these questions in the cause of peaceful relations. In 1916, he was again elected President of the United States. Although a lover of peace and known as "the man who kept us out of war," he was forced into the fray to defend the honor of America and the lives of its citizens on the high seas, who were being murdered by Germany's undersea navy. (Too, there was also the cause for the invasion of Belgium.)

President Wilson's slogan "to make the world safe for democracy" became a powerful rallying cry, and on February 3, 1917, diplomatic relations with

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CLASS NEWS

Have you seen those mysterious blood red question marks tacked up here, there, every-where? Have you pondered over what could be the significance of the date April 4th which greets you at every turn? Is it one of those maddening posters which puzzle you for a week and then turn out to be an advertisement for Cod Liver Oil or Shoe Polish, or is it something really important?

Well, while the Senior Class does not wish to spoil anyone's pleasant surprise, or take the joy out of any mystery, still they can shed some light on the subject, that is, if the rest of you promise to help us. Ready? Alright, it's the Senior Class' way of advertising Fun Night!

Fun Night has become an institution in our school, to which the students and community look forward during the school year. On this night the Senior Class not only has the fun of clearing the bulk of their Washington expenses but the community is afforded an opportunity to spend a very enjoyable evening.

Besides introducing some new features the Class of 1924 intend to do their best in perfecting the old attractions. We intend this year's minstrel to be the best that has yet been given. With Mr. Engh and Owen Higgins in charge we have a treat in store. The

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CALENDAR

Feb. 18—Junior Chapel—"radio."
Feb. 25—U. S. History Class—"Washington."
March 3—Miss Greer—Library.
March 10—Home Society.
March 14—Debating Tournament.
March 17—Bird Program.
March 24—Miss White.
March 28—Finals in Debating Tournament.
March 31—Art Classes.
April 4—Fun Night.
April 7—Boys' Club.
April 11—Seniors — Washington Trip.
April 28—Victrola Program.
May 5—May Day Exercises.
May 12—Commercial Dept.—"Mock Trial."
May 19—Dramatic Club.

March 7 - Play

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LEST WE FORGET

February should stand out in the minds of all Americans as one of the most impressive months of the year. On the 12-22 of February two of the greatest Americans were born. One destined to be the father of his country and the other to be the saviour of the Union.

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln should stand out as the ideal for every American High School Student because of their honest, elevating, resourceful and conscientious characters. Although neither Washington or Lincoln had an education they took every opportunity offered to obtain what little education they could and at the same time to improve what they had already attained.

Both Washington and Lincoln reached the height of their fame through the use of their resources and faculties. Now it is for us, the descendants of these two illustrious men, to follow the standard which they have set.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has been working very hard this year on the problem of assemblies. They have put forth a vital effort toward that end. The meeting which was held on December 12, 1923, was planned for the purpose of admitting the Freshmen members into the Council. The members were Betty Harris and Sylvester McCall.

THE JANITOR'S CAT

Sez

Several visitors have remarked recently at our basketball games that our "School Spirit" and "Attitude toward Visiting Teams" is the best that they have seen.

How about your class spirit? Do you carry the same spirit into your class meetings and class activities?

A Fan said recently that our cheer leaders go to the games to shoot at the basket instead of to lead cheers.

Every Tuesday evening I read the report of the Thrift Bank. Seniors-Juniors-Sophomores-Freshmen— Who rank First-Last?

It makes me purr to see some new names on the HONOR ROLL, also the names of those who improved their grades during January.

Red ink should be used to balance the accounts in the Commercial department not on report cards. Let's keep it where it belongs.

I admire the pluck of the Sophomore boy who is trying to work up team work instead of individual playing in his class. (Go to it Boys, we are all with you.)

The school board is doing every thing in its power to get the addition ready for next fall. Let's help. I'm catching mice. What are you doing?

There is less paper and fruit skins on the floor of the wash rooms.

—That's fine Boys and Girls—

PICK UP

I quietly pick up little bits of paper and candy wrappers in the halls.

DO YOU?

Borrowed stones make a poor foundation. Don't borrow your neighbor's Algebra paper.

Chatter is alright in the park or in the zoo, but not in the Study Hall.

The reading table in the Library needs personal attention. You would too if some one ruffled you up a dozen times each day. Measure your work with the golden rule.

The Sophomore class meeting to promote more class spirit is a step in the right direction.

Let's take a long walk.

Let's look after the seven i's

2 eyes

Industry

Intelligence

Interest

Initiative

Integrity

Loud talking frightens mice. Don't make me starve.

GIRLS' CLUB

Our Girls' Club, it is true, has not accomplished, since November, as much of its program as it would have liked to accomplish, but it cannot be denied that the Club has done some splendid work and has had some very interesting meetings. On December

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SENIOR CLASS NEWS

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Pirate's Den, of which Clara Osgood is chairman, and Miss White the faculty advisor, will be as thrilling as it sounds. Blue Beard's Wives is something new, but you must come and see for yourself. Vera Meehan and Miss Cannan are working on all sorts of original ideas. Catherine Scammell and Mr. Lambert have charge of the side shows which would be well worth seeing. There will be a Puppet Play which Miss Greer and Grace Coll are contributing their best efforts to make a success. Miss Higgon and Elizabeth Rogers are planning something new in Picture Galleries. It is neither a Grand Old Master's nor a Rogue's Gallery that they are planning but a Gallery of the baby pictures of the Senior Class! The general public and lower classmen will be afforded an opportunity to compare the destruction wrought by long years of hard work with the sweet young faces on display. An exceptionally interesting play has been found by the play committee, Miss Lippi, Miss Flesher and Mildred Waggle. Miss Ross and Isabel Wilner are busily making plans for the fortune telling booth. Viola Peden has charge of the chancing off of a quilt which was kindly donated to the Senior Class by Mrs. Peden. Mr. Belles and Henry Seitz assure those who come to see the Mirrors the consolation of seeing themselves as others see them. Mr. Fails and Frank Leahey promise every one a breezy time at the cave of the Winds, while Miss Osborne and Margaret Jahn have planned many good things to tickle our palates and tempt our pocketbooks.

And all this is only a sample of the good time to be had by all, on the night of April 4th, for there will be dancing later in the evening with as good an orchestra as the combined powers of Ross Cook and Liz Rogers can furnish!

WOODROW WILSON

Master of the ship he steered
 Through long years of war;
 Many a fog he met and cleared,
 Sailed on near and far.

II

Husky Doughboys were his crew,
 Working hard and brave;
 Country, home, and nations, few
 Knowing how they gave.

III

Time will write his honored name,
 Books will tell of him;
 Of him who played and won the
 game,
 With daring, bold and grim.

—Bernard Coll, '26

WESTMONT LEAGUE CHAMPS.

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ter position with great ability. Wagner and "Bill" Seitz filled the guard positions to the best of their ability, which was exceedingly fine. Their defensive work featured in that branch of the game. This game was about the fastest game of the season on the "Y" floor this year, since both teams were evenly matched, but our fellows, by their superior team work, finally ended the game in favor of Westmont—28 to 24. If ever, in the history of our team, Mr. Engh should be congratulated, it should be at this time by all means. When it comes to school spirit and enthusiasm, Westmont takes the lead, because the whole body combines to cheer the team on toward victory.

HYSTERIA

The Senior girls of W. U. Y. H. S. are developing a perfectly wonderful team in the highly interesting and diverting game of Hysteria.

Every body is permitted to try out for the sport, including the boys, but, dear me, boys are so staid and conventional they insist on giving the girls first chance.

The Hysteria Team will be selected from those who cause the most confusion in the school, who execute the wildest gesticulations, and who emit the weirdest and most thrilling noises.

Although the game was introduced only a short time ago great strides have been made and it is expected that the Senior team will win the county championship.

What Causes—

Henry Seitz to make so many trips down the Boulevard?

"Lib" to hand a letter to "Aumie" every noon?

The fire of shots in the third study period?

Lyda to slip a small piece of paper to "Todd" between classes?

So many Senior class rings to be missing?

Bud Roach to be sleepy every Monday morning?

Verna to get so red when the star guard comes into the Senior room?

The Freshy Girls to "fall" for our Senior boys?

The excitement in Chemistry Class?

WOODROW WILSON

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Germany were severed. The torpedoing of American ships continuing and Congress refusing to arm merchant ships, Wilson took the matter into his own hands and went ahead with his program of arming ships. He also settled the great railroad strike which threatened in March.

The 65th Congress declared war on Germany, and Wilson, the great peace president, became a great war president. He tried to refrain from war with Austria-Hungary, but the dual monarchy was plainly under the thumb of Prussia, so war was declared on that country also.

Through the Russian debacle, he endeavored to help in the upbuilding of the new republic, first by sending a mission, headed by Elihu Root, and later by expressing American sympathy.

On November 11, 1918, he announced in Congress: "The armistice was signed this morning. Everything for which America fought has been accomplished. The war thus comes to an end." Breaking all precedents, he sailed to France to participate in the Peace Conference. He laid down his fourteen points, with his heart set on the last—the formation of a League of Nations. When the United States refused to ratify the treaty, President Wilson toured the country urging support of the treaty and the League of Nations. The strain was too much for him and at Pueblo, Colorado, on September 25, he was stricken with sickness and was compelled to return to Washington, where he remained ill for many months, until on February 3, 1924, he died. Believing in the League of Nations, he closed his eyes, confident that as a man of letters and as a president, he had done his best for humanity. Time, alone, will give him his entitled place in the annals of history.

—Dorothy Stenger, '25.

JUNIOR CLASS MEETING

At the Junior Class meeting, held January seventeenth, preparations were made for the Junior-Senior Reception. The President appointed committees for the different affairs and they started work at once.

GIRLS' CLUB

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the seventh, Miss Clary, the girls' secretary of the "Y. W." told the girls how pleased the officers of the "Y. W." were with the work of our Club and how much was expected of it.

At Christmas time the girls each gave a small contribution and bought presents for the children of one or two families that otherwise would have had no Christmas.

Besides various business meetings there was a very interesting meeting on the twenty-fourth of January, when Miss Banks, the general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. spoke to the girls on the subject of "Seeing the Beautiful" in everything around them and in everything they did. There was also a very interesting meeting on February the seventh, when Miss Krebs showed the girls her lantern slides of Oberammergau and spoke to them on that subject.

On January twenty-sixth everyone was anticipating a winter hike which would have terminated in an ice-skating party, but because of the sudden change in the weather the hike was postponed until the weather conditions should be more favorable.

This is by no means the end of the good work, for under the leadership of our enthusiastic president, you will hear much from our Girls' Club before the end of this year. The program will be continued on Friday evening, February the fifteenth, by one of the biggest social events of the year for the Girls' Club. There is to be a Valentine party on that evening and because Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays come so near that date, it has been decided that these two days shall also be celebrated on that evening and the girls are all expected to come in colonial costume. It is hoped that the girls will continue to show their school spirit by doing their part in making this a successful evening.

WESTMONT AT JOHNSTOWN

Westmont-Johnstown game played on the J. H. S. floor was a good game, but our fellows were a little off color because of playing so much that week. Johnstown finally led in the last quarter and managed to keep ahead until the end of the game. The game ended in favor of Johnstown—31 to 23.

THE FLAG

Have you ever stopped and wondered
What this country means to you?
With its stripes of red and white
And its many stars on blue.

If you will only stop to analyze
You may readily see its worth
That the white stripes stand for purity
Ever since the Nation's birth.

Red stripes are for protection strong
In which our soldiers brave
Crossed the field of "No Man's Land"
Although many found their graves.

The corner of our flag is filled
With stars of meaning rare
They stand for Union of the states
On another's burdens to share.

Considering all the virtues o'er
And their admiring hue
This is the flag for you and me
The red, the white, the blue.

—Viola Peden, '24

THE DRAMATIC CONTEST

The Dramatic Contest, for which the entries had been practicing, was held on the night of January 31. The girls who entered were Vera Fulmer, Hermine Luebbert, Clara Osgood, Alvina Brickner, Isabel Wilner, Emma Mae Jones and Florence Stutzman. All the selections were good and were appreciated by the audience.

The winner of the first prize was Vera Fulmer, who gave "Keeping a Seat at the Benefit." The second prize was given to Hermine Luebbert for "The Bear Story."

The orchestra played before the contest, during the intervals between the recitations and at the end of the program.

MRS. TIFT-JONES

We believe that everyone who went to the performance at the Presbyterian church on January twenty-eighth enjoyed Mrs. Tift-Jones' program. Mrs. Jones is a native Southerner and gave many amusing and interesting anecdotes on Southern life. She also gave readings from the modern poems, among which were Alfred Noyes' "The Highwayman," and "Touchstone on a Bus," and Amy Lowell's "Patterns."

The purpose of giving this was to start a movement in the high school to obtain better entertainers for Johnstown, as well as to arouse the interest of the students in such programs.

This, our first attempt, has proved successful, and we hope that with the cooperation of the rest of the school we shall be able to put on more such entertainments.

THE HONOR ROLL

Freshmen

Andrew Crichton
Vera Fulmer
Verna Fulmer
Hermine Luebbert
Roberta Williams

Sophomores

Sara Englehardt
Joe Muckley
John Wolf
Helen Peterson

Juniors

Rose Finkelson
Eliza Johns
Emma May Jones
John Metzner
Jack Reese
Dorothy Stenger
Florence Stutzman

Seniors

William E. Hinkel
Margaret Jahn
Dorothy Leuin
Oliver Proudfoot
Catherine Simons
Isabel Wilner
Martha Wolf

The Seniors who have been chosen for the National Honor Society are:

Catherine Scammell
Margaret Jahn
William E. Hinkel

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF:

Jane Clark forgot her docrine.
Rose Callet forgot to giggle.
Bob Longwell forgot to sleep in class.

Eileen Lewis brought her lunch.
Louise Sheridan were afraid of Mr. Belles.

Bill Greer forgot to eat candy at noon.

"Monk" Cook forgot to read the newspaper.

"Aumie" Harrigan would eat lunch.
The Seniors were not tardy.

Henry Seitz forgot to smile.
Mr. Belles forgot to clap his hands.

Arvilla Kniss would pep up.
Miss Krebs forgot to check up.

We could tell the Fulmer twins apart.
Sulphuric acid didn't burn.

William Y. and John W. were seen apart.

Clara Osgood would forget to get weighed.

Oliver Proudfoot didn't have a date every night.

The school was warm on cold days.
Bill Bailey was ever at home.

The Cafeteria didn't have soup for lunch.

Frank Leahey wouldn't get to Windber.

Ted Wagner forgot to take his evening walk.

Janet Cook would wear her glasses.

JOKES

After Bill Hinkel had spoken for ten minutes in English class he told the teacher he had given the first step of his Introduction—The class agreed that it sounded like a whole platform.

Mr. Fails: "How long did it take you to learn to skate?"

Miss Lippi: "Oh, about a dozen sittings."

Miss Canan: "Name three articles containing starch."

Joe. Muckly: "Two cuffs and a collar."

Sunday School Teacher: "The whale got his prophet out of the water."

Jeff. Jose: "So does our milkman."

Mr. Bells: "Bill, why don't you help the lady up?"

B. Seitz: "Father told me never to pick up women."

Small Boy: "Me fadder wants a nickel's wort' of ice cream."

Soda Clerk: "Cone?"

Small Boy: "Naw—Rosenbaum."

She: "Who is that player?"

Jerome S.: "Guess it must be Heinz. His number is 57."

Ted: "How would you like to go to the dance?"

Verna: "Oh, I'd love to."

Ted: "You'll have to."

Miss Ross: "What is wrong with your writing?"

"Piv" Bailey: "My trouble is slant and shape."

Drama—Act I

Scene—Heaven.

Characters—Saint Peter and Todd Brown.

Todd B.: "Saint Peter, don't you think we could have some organized singing?"

Saint Peter: "Anything you want, Todd."

Todd B.: "Allright, let me have 5,000 sopranoes, 5,000 altos, and 5,000 basses.

Saint Peter: "Allright, but how about the tenors?"

Todd B.: "Oh, I'll sing tenor."