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THE WASHINGTON TRIP

Thursday, April 16, 1925.

11:29—Left Pennsylvania station at Johnstown. Everybody happy. T. D. thought it was his honeymoon.

1:30—Ate lunch in diner. Louise Sheridan displayed skill in drinking coffee on a train.

3:30—Started "mock" wedding, uniting Jane Clark and Bill Seitz. Great success! Bill wished it were true.

5:50—Tommy Jones, ten dollars richer. Question—how?

6:25—Miss Flesher was seen borrowing money. All pennies gone. Where?

7:00—Prepared to leave train. Nothing forgotten except thirty-five wads of chewing gum on the window sills.

7:15—Arrived at Washington. Oh, what a city! Kenneth Fisher thought Union Station was the Capitol.

7:45—Disgustedly glared at rooms. Such rooms! Last guests not out.

8:00—Moved to better rooms on fourth floor. Nearer Heaven! Boys room across from girls. Mr. Engh and Miss Flesher parade the halls.

8:15—Ate dinner. Soup, luke-warm; meat, tough; the rest, nothing to brag about except bread by the yard—new style. Ask Dot Stenger how she liked it.

9:30—Took walk on Pennsylvania Avenue. "Lovely night." Ask Tommy Jose.

3 A. M.—Retired—not tired. No bugs found first night.

Friday, April 17, 1925.

6:30—We got up. Alarm clock—Rose Callet. Hotel couldn't afford one. Were glad for her services.

8:30—We started out, all dolled up.

8:30-1:30 — Visited public buildings, including the pawn shops. Robert Williams fell down five steps while gazing at one of the Springdale dames he met in the morgue. No serious damage.

2:00—Ate dinner like cannibals. Tomatoes, bread, olives. Bought milk chocolate in lobby to call it a meal.

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WHEN

When the waters of the ocean
Are only knee deep,
I hate to disappoint you,
But we'll all be asleep.

When the stars quit their shining
And the nights become dark,
I hate to disappoint you,
But we'll all be lying stark.

When the wind dies down and
is silent
And the clouds are not o'er-head,

I hate to disappoint you,
But indeed we'll all be dead.

When our teachers give us night
work,

To us it appears a curse;
I hate to disappoint you,
But we'd prefer a hearse.

Robert Sabo, '27.

POMANDER WALK

The Senior play will be given in May, but so far no definite date has been decided upon. There will be practice every evening after school under the instruction of Miss Greer. Our art teacher, Mrs. Harris, will have charge of the painting of the scenery.

Dramatis Personae

Lord Otford.....Everett James
Jack Sayle.....Albert Baker
Admiral Sir Peter Autobus
T. D. Williams
Jerome Brooke Hosky Esq.

John Gobin
Rev. Jacob Stenroyd, D. D. F. S.
A.Robert Williams
Mr. Basil Pringle.....John Grazier
JimKenneth Bidelman
The Muffin Man.....Carl Arendt
The Lamp Lighter.....Clifford Gay
The Eyesore.....William Woods
The Footman.....Harry Marley
Madam Lucie Lachesnais

Janet Cook
Mle. Marjolain Lachesnais
Louise Sheridan
Mrs. Pamela Roskett.....Eliza Johns
Miss Ruth Pennymint.....Jane Clark
The Hon. Caroline Thring
Dorothy Stenger
NanetteRuth Levin
Jane.....Margaret Sutton
Miss Barbara Pennymint

Louise Cook

The managers are as follows:
Stage Manager.....William Seitz

SCHOLASTIC CONTEST

The seventh annual High School Scholastic Contest, conducted by the University of Pittsburgh, will be held at the Alumni Hall, May 2. The contest includes the leading high schools of Western Pennsylvania. Examinations are given in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, English, Latin, French, German, Spanish, General Information and American History. Each examination is forty minutes in length. The finals are held at 7:00 P. M. at the Carnegie Library.

This year will mark the second time that the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School has participated. Our representatives this year are Morris Lewis, Thomas Cleaver, Jo Muckley, Roberta Williams, Vera Fulmer, Hermine Luebbert, Elsa Jahn and Dorothy Stenger. They will be accompanied by Mr. Belles.

Our best wishes go with them and we trust that they will be able to secure some distinction in the contest.

ALUMNI DANCE

On April 15 the Alumni of the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School held a dance at the Fort Stanwix Hotel. The music was furnished by Gregory's orchestra. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

The next Alumni dance will be held May 1 at the Fort Stanwix. Every one is invited to attend.

FOOTBALL BAKE SALE

Our football team held a very successful bake sale on April 4 at Dyke Thomas' store and at the Incline.

The committee in charge of the sale was composed of Mr. Engh, John Gobin, Albert Baker and William Seitz. Mary Louise Burkhardt, Louise Cook and Jane Clark aided in selling at the two places.

The money that was made was used to purchase the gold footballs for the football letter men.

The team takes this opportunity to thank those who took part in helping to make the sale a success.

Costume Manager, Rose Finkelson
Property Manager.....Blanche Hite

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EDITORIAL

The most important month in the whole school year is now here. During May and the first week of June there are so many extra activities in which to take an active part, besides keeping up with our regular school work that it requires every one hustling constantly.

These extra activities are, of course, of less importance than our studies, which we must attend to diligently until after our final examinations are over. The importance of the regular school work must be appreciated by all and the sooner it is, the sooner we will be permitted to hold bigger and better school affairs.

The Senior class is now especially busy preparing for their class play and commencement exercises and the co-operation of the entire school is necessary to make these successful. All pupils who are strong enough in their studies are strongly urged to offer their assistance to the Senior class.

So now, in preparation for the close of the school term and the final examinations we must work hard, help the Seniors in every way possible, and spend sufficient time on our studies to come through the year with flying colors.

GLEE CLUB MUSICALE

The Westmont-Upper Yoder High School Musicales Club will present a musicale May 4, 1925. The program will include several selections by the orchestra, a cantata, "The Fays of the Floating Islands," by the Glee Club, and several solos by Miss Dorothy Heyden of Indiana.

OUR PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Last year pupils of the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School entered the sixth Interscholastic Academic contest held at the University of Pittsburg. Since this was the initial experience of our pupils, the results were entirely satisfactory to the school even though no prizes were won by them. However, gradually, we hope to share honors with the victorious schools of the Pittsburg district.

Now is the time to formulate definite plans for the contest in 1926. To compete with some assurance of success with the pupils of the highest scholastic rank of the different schools, will require a genuine regard for scholarship throughout the year. The loyal co-operation of every pupil in the class room will be valuable in stimulating a wholesome desire to develop to the highest degree the very best study habits, whereby, our pupils may be prepared to win the desired objective.

In the first place cannot we depend on a larger group of girls and boys who will be dissatisfied with anything but their best efforts, who are determined to apply themselves diligently day by day, to cultivate the attitude of true students toward their school work? With the united efforts of the pupils in the class room to attain a higher standard of daily tasks, we feel confident that ten pupils can be chosen to uphold the honor of our school.

All pupils who are interested in planning for the 1926 contest are requested to meet in room 305 at 12:40 on Tuesday, May 5. At this time a report of the contest to be held Saturday, May 2, will be given by Mr. Belles and the eight pupils who will represent our school this year.

We are glad to report that Miss Higgin is improving rapidly and expects to be able to be up in a few weeks. Perhaps she will be back to visit us before our term ends.

Robert Saxon, one of our Sophomore boys, has had to stop school on account of his health. He is going to the Cresson Sanatorium. We wish him a speedy recovery.

May Finkleson, who has been confined to her home with mumps, expects to return to school on Monday.

THE CAROLINIAN

Mr. Sabatini has deserted his foreign hunting ground and has come to America for an inspiration. Apparently he received same, as "The Carolinian," one of his books, has lately been published. Sabatini espouses the cause of liberty and his hero is an ardent rebel. The plot is very good and manages to escape the mediocrity of some of his lesser novels. His characters are exceptionally well drawn and his plot is accurate in every detail.

Harry Latimer, a young planter with rebellious tendencies, antagonizes his guardian and his fiancée by his leaning toward liberty. He apparently establishes

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CALENDAR

- May 1—Mother and Daughter Banquet
- May 4—Chapel for Freshmen and Sophomores
Musicales by Music Clubs
Student Council and Faculty Meeting
- May 6—Chapel for Juniors and Seniors
- May 11—Chapel for Freshmen and Sophomores
- May 13—Chapel for Juniors and Seniors
- May 18—Chapel for Freshmen and Sophomores
- May 18—Student Council and Faculty Meeting
- May 20—Chapel for Juniors and Seniors
- May 21—May Day (Afternoon)
May 23—Track Meet
- May 25—Chapel for Freshmen and Sophomores
- May 27—Chapel for Juniors and Seniors
- May 29—Junior and Senior Prom

CLEAN UP CONTEST

Had anyone entered our school in the first week in April he would have wondered why the dust cloths, mops, brushes, furniture polish, and gold paint. A contest was on! Each class was trying to make its home room the most attractive.

Miss Krebs and Mr. Shambach, the judges, decided that the Juniors and Freshman girls had the most attractive rooms. The Seniors were second, then the Sophomores, and last, but not least, the Freshman boys.

THE CRY OF DISTRESS

One night, not so long ago, one of the budding young Westmont shieks, gave a rather gay party at his home.

Now it seems as though this young man left his party, in the early part of the evening and went to get one of the orchestra. Returning home he was beset by a group of young marauders.

Later investigation shows that this group numbered seven and also that the young man was threatened with a rather strong type of indignity.

After putting up some protest to these proceedings, our hero decided it was best to call forward and play his trump card, in other words to call upon reserve support.

After duly considering this point, he suddenly broadcasted his S. O. S. which was, in plain English, an appeal to his dear mamma to come to his rescue.

A cry of "Mamma! Mamma! Help me! Save Me!" suddenly rent the air, in a pathetic appeal.

His assailants upon hearing this most unexpected message, cast on the ether by so brave a young man, allowed their victim to make good his escape and beat a rather hasty retreat for regions unknown.

The author of this article is not able to decide whether the intended victim (name on request) or whether his assailants suffered most from the adventure. The author does know, however, queer though it seems, that several of the marauders almost had serious hysterics from laughing, at the bravery of the young man, but does not know what bodily effects were suffered by Monsieur le Shieke.

If any authentic answer to this perplexing question will be intrusted to Dame Rumor, I am sure the matter can be satisfactorily cleared up.

SCHOOL BOARD

Our Board had the 1925-26 budget submitted for discussion.

Mr. J. E. Adams, the architect, reported on the progress of the work in the new building.

The resignation of Miss Carolyn White, teacher in Household Arts, was accepted and Miss Mary Englehardt, a graduate of the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School and of the Home Economics Department of Indiana State Normal school, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

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2:30—Boarded bus for sight-seeing tour. Florence Stutzman afraid to enter lopsided bus and insisted that Everett James sit in front with driver.

2:30-5:30—Visited Arlington spots of interest, including King Tut's tomb, but T. D. and Louise missed it.

7:00—Dinner. More soup and bread. Janet Cook started to gain weight.

8:00—Springdale girls invited Westmont boys to a dance. What's wrong with Westmont-Upper Yoder girls? Were not the Springdale boys good-looking? Evening spent mourning their loss.

12:50—The lost returned.

1 A. M.—Girls held pajama party.

1:30—Audience grew too large. House detective arrived and crowd dispersed. No arrests made.

Saturday, April 18, 1925.

8:00—Got up. Rose's alarm failed to work. Late for breakfast. Ate what was left. Dot Stenger started to lose weight.

9:00—Visited Corcoran Art Gallery. Ab. Baker and John Metzner shocked beyond words.

10:30—Walked to Washington monument. More blisters!

10:45—Started up monument. Decide that Washington would be too rich if they used elevator; therefore entire class walked up. Dean McGahan seen helping Emma Mae Jones.

11:00—Walked down. Shoes worn out.

12:00—Visited Fish Commission. Several members found their relatives there.

12:30—Lunch—String beans instead of rope bread. Water by the gallons—soup!

1:15—Hurried to car. Mr. Engh started athletes to catch car. Girls brought up rear.

P. M.—Afternoon spent in Alexandria, Georgetown and Mt. Vernon. Rain. Question—why didn't John Northwood see Lee's home? Freda Glosser decided to buy Mt. Vernon.

5:00—Boarded the Charles McAlister. Tommy persuaded Lena that it was safe. Many fed the fishes. What?

6:30—Returned to Washington. Kenny started to cry. Thought Miss Flesher was taking him home.

8:00—Went to Keith's vaudeville. All took shoes off. Theatre lost money.

11:00—Walked home. Some were seen carrying shoes. Taxis did no business.

11:45—Crowd went for Chop Suey. Bill Woods couldn't manipulate chop sticks. Took lessons from Chinks.

Sunday, April 19.

8:45—Got up. Church bells took Rose's place.

9:10—Ate breakfast. Worse than usual.

10:30—Some went to church. Others went—? (Ask T. D.)

11:05—Saw President Coolidge enter church. Ab. Baker disappointed because he was not recognized by the President. Florence insisted that John should wear a high silk hat hereafter.

12:15—Went back to hotel. Put all of money in collection plate; hence a free meal at the hotel. Fish! Some thought the days were mixed.

3:05—Arrived at Zoo. Everyone met a relative.

4:00—Returned to hotel in rain. Henderson Brothers did big business on our return.

6:00—More eats! Fish bones this time.

8:00—Went to Congressional Library. Jane Clark thought she was in a book factory. Rose Finkelson got lost among the shelves.

9:00-12:00—Roamed around library devouring—? (ask Louise Cook).

12:00—Bed! Tired? Oh, no! Blanche Hite caused an uproar in the middle of the night. A mouse wakened her and she screamed! Hotel manager thought the building was on fire.

Monday, April 20.

8:30—Human alarm clock wakened us to the dismal task of dressing. Ruth Levin got her dress on backwards, but discovered her mistake before appearing in public.

9:45—Went shopping at Woodward and Latrop's store. Thirteen girls rode in one taxi. It broke down half way to the store, causing very little damage. The driver made no profit on customers.

11:10—Back to our home—the Metropolitan Hotel. We walked back. Lena Horton had to have a truck carry her purchases.

11:30—Had to eat again. All were sick from lack of nourishment.

11:40—Put on our best clothes in less than five minutes.

12:25—At last we arrived at the White House. John Grazier mistook one of the maids for Mrs. Coolidge and attempted to flirt with her.

12:40—Shook hands with President Coolidge. Detective made Robert Williams take his hands out of his pockets. He missed some gold candlesticks.

12:45—Boarded bus for Annapolis. Class "jazz hounds" began to sing. Policeman ended this racket.

2:45—Arrived at Annapolis. Westmont girls vamped the Annapolis boys. Westmont boys stood back and suffered humiliation.

5:00—Wearied ourselves by boarding bus for return trip. Silence reigned.

6:55—Arrived at hotel. Meal was very good—crabs, lobster salad, oyster cocktails, and fried ham.

8:45—Miss Flesher started a jazz orchestra, and a dance followed. Springdale class arrived and Westmont boys rushed the dames.

11:30—Dance ended. Rushed to our rooms and packed the suitcases. T. D. fell up the steps. Poor lad, seven more years to wait for? (ask him).

3 A. M.—Crawled in bed for three hour sleep. Tired? Yes!

Tuesday, April 21.

6:00—Rose needed four assistants to get us up.

6:40—Ate our final breakfast. Same as first meal.

7:15—With tears in our eyes we left for Union Station.

7:35—Boarded train and hung handkerchiefs out to dry.

11:15—Arrived at Harrisburg. John Metzner thought we were back in Washington when he saw the Capitol.

11:15-2:40—Visited Capitol, wonderful Penn Harris Hotel, and friends. Many resolved to become governor of our state. Watch for nominations!

2:40—Left for Johnstown. Everyone slept without interruption, except John Gobin, who couldn't find any one to play tiddley winks with.

7:00—Home!

SURPRISE PARTY

April third was a big day on Jane Clark's calendar. A very clever surprise party had been arranged by Mrs. Clark. The Senior Class, many lower classmen, and Miss Flesher, the Senior assembly teacher, were present at this very delightful gathering, and need it be said that a good time was had by all?

DUMBELL

Andy C.—"Do you know you broke the fingers on the electric car?"

Bill G.—"What fingers?"

Andy—"The copper switch points."

Bill—"Who did?"

Andy—"You did."

Bill—"Broke what?"

Andy—"Oh! the carburater."

Bill—"Whose car?"

Andy—"Ours."

Bill—"What did you break?"

Andy—"Why you broke the fingers on our electric car."

Bill—"Then what did you do?"

Andy—"Got it fixed."

Bill—"What?"

Andy—"The car."

Bill—"Whose?"

Andy—"Oh! Santa Clause's!"
Pat and Mike.

BOYS' CLUB

Mr. Shambach addressed the Boys' Club on Friday, April 10. He spoke about good health and good morals.

Preceding his address the following nominations were made for next year's officers: William Yingling, John Wolf, and Ben Coll for President; William Bailey and Robert Sloan for Vice President; Sylvester McCall, Carl Barrett, Halleck Singer and Eberle Thomas for Secretary; Robert Campbell, Leonard Grazier and Forest Kelley for Treasurer.

GIRLS' CLUB

The nominating committee of the Girls' Club has selected the following candidates: For President, Frances McGahan, Mary Louise Burkhardt; Vice President, Roberta Williams, Elsa Jahn; Secretary, Vera Fulmer, Helen Levin, Hermine Luebbert; Treasurer, Hazel Hawk, Lillian Slough, Mary Frances Tarr.

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himself in her good graces again, and early in the story marries her. The villain attempts to murder Harry, but is unsuccessful. Harry joins the rebel forces and soon becomes a colonel. The villain, by unscrupulous plotting, entangles Muriel Latimer in a plot by the British, but she is exonerated and all ends well.

Morris Lewis, '26.

JOKES

Miss Flesher—What does from hand to mouth mean?

Jo Muckley—Eating with your fingers.

Franklin Baumer (pointing to fence)—What are those wires for?

Forest Kelly—To shock the corn in the fall.

Mrs. Keffer (in History class)—What became of Benedict Arnold?

Lycurgus Gurley—They haven't caught him yet.

Mr. Gregory—George, why are you so far back in your studies?

George—So that I may pursue them.

Mr. Engh (in Bookkeeping class)—For example, if I went out in the street and an automobile knocked me down, whose fault was it? Should I have been out there on the street?

Robert Sabo—Sure!

DIDJA' EVER

Didja' ever
come home late
when you thot
every one else
was in bed
and ja' didn't want to
waken them, so you took off
your shoes on the front porch
and got up enough courage
to open the door and
it squeaked somethin' awful
and then you couldn't locate
the first step
an' you fumbled around
makin' a lot of noise an'
then you stepped on a loose
board on the steps and it
squeaked worsen' a rusty gate
and you was sure you heard
Pap jumpin' outa bed
and you held your breath
for at least a half an hour
waitin' for his greetin'
which ain't so gentle
at 2 o'clock in the morning,
and then you just about
fell thru the floor
when you heard
baby sister holler with
all her might:
"Hey, William, ain't
Mom and Pop home yet?"
Didja'?