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## GIRLS' CLUB CELEBRATES WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

It is difficult to select the greatest man who was born in February, because in this month are the birthdays of such famous men as Washington, Lincoln, Longfellow and Dickens. However, the Girls' club chose to honor George Washington, the "father of his country," and on Feb. 20th gave a most enjoyable party, which brought back to us the spirit of the Colonial days of Washington's time. Everyone dressed in old-fashioned clothes of this period; some appeared as Martha and others as George Washington. The judges found it very difficult to select the most attractive costumes, but finally Dora du Pont and Sylvia Rush were given the prizes. Directly following this part of the program, games were played and prizes awarded to the winners.

Janet Cook, Sara Engleheart, Matilda Tomb, Roberta Williams and Dorothy Stenger, who by their stately dancing made more vivid our conception of this lovely colonial dance. At ten o'clock refreshments were served, ice cream, cake and candy. These were heartily welcomed as every girl had been busy and had worked up an appetite. Soon after the refreshments were served the "Home Waltz" was played, (Continued on page 3, Col. 3)

## AROUND THE WORLD WITH MISS HAMMOND

We were very agreeably entertained in chapel February ninth, by an interesting talk given by Miss Hammond, director of the Hammond Music School. Miss Hammond first briefly sketched for us her trip around the world, pointing out the cities of interest on a map. Then she told us of the strange habits of the foreigners, of their picturesque dress, of their odd speech and of their queer dwellings.

Miss Hammond's talk was not only interesting, but very educational, and proved a source of amusement and profit to all.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON

Little George Washington went on a spree

And chopped right down his father's tree,

Just then little George's father came 'round

And asked who'd cut his cherry tree down?

Then George stepped up and said "T'was I,

For father, I cannot tell a lie."

David Englehart, '27

## DRAMATIC CLUB

On Monday after school, Feb. 18, the Dramatic Club held its regular meeting. A contest between two teams for the purpose of interesting Dramatic Club members in the club work, was launched, with Mary Louise Burkhard and Morris Lewis as team captains. However, Morris Lewis has resigned and Hermine Leubbert will take his place. Only those members are eligible for a team who have paid their dues up to date and have a good attendance record. A point system has been arranged by which the winning team will be judged at the close of the contest on March 16.

After the business meeting the members of the club enjoyed a splendid program in which appeared the two prize winners of the oratorical contest last month, Joe Muckley and Vera Fulmer. Joe gave his first prize reading, "Our Guides in Genoa and Rome," by Mark Twain, and Vera Fulmer the second prize reading "The Perfect Tribute," by Mary Andrew. Charlott Dunkle played a piano solo, "Prelude" (Continued on page 2, Col. 3)

## A TRIP THROUGH THE NEW BUILDING

We started our trip by inspecting the fan room. The fan is a double one and is at least twice as large as the old one. We could not go to the new part of the building from the fan room, so we retraced our steps and entered the auditorium through the (Continued on page 4, Col. 2)

## JUNIOR VALENTINE PARTY AT DU PONT'S

On Valentine night an enthusiastic group of Juniors fared forth in the elements to the home of their president and hostess, Mary Campbell. There they were greeted by their hostess and Mr. and Mrs. du Pont.

The drawing room was attractively arranged with card tables, upon which were Valentine tallies and candy hearts.

The guests, after a pleasant time of greeting each other and meeting the guest of Miss Trine, Miss Esther Weekly, divided into two card groups, five hundred and bridge, and played progressively during the evening. After this, heart-shaped cross-word puzzles were given to the guests, for a speed test to see who could work the puzzle first. The prizes were given to Miss Greer and to Joseph Bennett.

Between games and at different times during the evening, several members of the class danced

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

March 2—Chapel Program—"Pekin."—Mrs. D. Roberts.

March 4—Basketball—Vandergrift—away.

March 5—Basketball—Leechburg—away.

Boys' Club Meeting—12:20.

March 6—Girls' Club meeting—12:20.

March 9—Chapel Program—Music.

March 11—Basketball—Ferndale—Conemaugh.

March 14—Basketball—Vandergrift—home.

March 16—Chapel program—Rev. S. A. Ward.

March 19—Boys' Club meeting—12:20.

March 20—Girls' Club meeting—12:20.

Fun Nighth—W. U. Y. H. S.—7:30.

March 23—Chapel program—music.

March 30—Chapel program—class of '28.

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## SENIOR CLASS MEETING

A class meeting was called by the President, February 24, to decide several important questions. First, the question of the Washington trip chaperons was discussed. Miss Flesher and Mr. Engh were elected. A discussion of Fun Night activities then began. Suggestions were made and a committee appointed to select chairmen for the different activities.

The meeting was then adjourned. The report of the Fun night committee is as follows:

Financial—Miss Ross (office); chairman, Rose Callet.

Play—Miss Flesher and Miss Trine (202); chairman, Louise Sheridan; Sub-Chairman, Albert Baker.

Dancing—Miss Leahey (Library); Chairman, Janet Cook, Sub-Chairmen, Thomas Jose and John Gobin.

Minstrel, Mr. Engh; collecting tickets (afternoon and evening), Chairman, Harry Marley; Sub-Chairman, Robert Williams.

Radio Stunt, Mr. Belles (305); Chairman, John Northwood.

Fish Pond, Miss Osborne (303); Chairman, Rose Finkelson; Sub-Chairman, Dorothy Stenger.

Fortune Telling, Miss Canan (204); Chairman, Lena Horton. Oriental Room, Miss Greer (204); Chairman, Jane Clark.

Shadow Pictures, Mr. Lambert (301); Chairman, Louise Cook.

Smoker's Phantasy, Mrs. Keffer (201); Chairman, Margaret Sutton.

Humanaphone, Miss Ames; Chairman, Emma May Jones.

Candy — Chairman, Blanche Hite.

Check Room (203)—Chairman, Carl Arendt; Sub-Chairman, William Seitz.

Coney Island, Mr. Fails, entire basement; General Chairman, Ruth Levin.

Indoor Circus—Chairman, Freda Glosser;; Sub-Chairman, William Woods.

Silhouette Gallery, Mr. Lambert; Chairman, Dean McGahan; Sub-Chairman, Halleck Singer.

Shooting Gallery—Chairman, Everett James; Sub-Chairman, Kenneth Fisher.

Hot Dog Stand—Chairman, Kenneth Bidelman; Sub-Chairmen, Clifford Gay, Thomas Jones.

Properties and miscellaneous work (for Coney Island)—Chairman, T. D. Williams; Sub-Chairman, John Grazier.

Refreshments, Miss White; Chairman, Florence S.; Sub-Chairman, Eliza Johns.

## THE JANITOR'S CAT

I wonder if everyone knows that I can't catch mice with so much noise around me.

I see the Bank banner has created a great amount of enthusiasm about banking. Let's not allow it to die.

There's plenty of room in the waste basket, so why throw the waste paper to the side.

Where's the school spirit at the basketball games? Every game needs a big attendance.

It's a funny thing that High School people can't keep from being kicked out of the classes.

Contagious diseases are carried by sneezing and coughing. Wouldn't it be better if everyone sneezed or coughed into his handkerchief?

February 23rd to 28th was good English week. Let's try to make every week, good English week.

Len Grazier—"Did you do anything for Biology?"

Horse Gurley—"I don't know yet."

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS.

Two very important school board meetings were held during the month of February. The architect, J. E. Adams, discussed the purpose of the work in the new building and partially promised the gymnasium for use on Fun Night.

A dumb waiter, which will carry food from the cafeteria to the gymnasium, will be installed.

The A. B. Leach Co. of Philadelphia, will have charge of the sale of the school bonds. This company offered the highest premium. F. G., '25

(Continued from page 1, Col. 2) in G. Minor," by Rachmaninoff, and was called back by a thunderous applause for a second selection. After this Bob Campbell gave "Limitations of Youth," by Eugene Field, and Andrew Crichton repeated his "Selections from Rip Van Winkle," by Irving. Both of these readings received honorable mention from the judges of the oratorical contest. Last but not least came Mary Francis Tarr's reading—a cutting from "Seventeen," by Tarkington.

At our next meeting one of the two opposing teams will give a very clever program. All members of the club should be present as this program is one of the things which goes farthest in deciding the winning team at the close of the contest.

L. S., '25

## ORCHESTRAL ACTIVITIES

The High School Orchestra has given many programs in the past months. The program broadcasted from the Penn Traffic was exceedingly well appreciated. Many requests were sent in, and Miss Ames' singing ability was made known by the announcer, but she was not able to sing, due to a severe (?) cold. One man complimented them by saying that he thought it was a New York orchestra when he tuned in.

The Home and School Club has had the pleasure of hearing the orchestra play several times. They also gave a few selections at a Parent-Teachers' meeting at the Elim school.

We have the opportunity of hearing them play at every chapel and some of the selections have become quite popular, especially "Desert Caravan." V. F., '27

## THE GREAT OPEN SPACES

Once upon a time the west was called "the Great Open Spaces." A thrilling game has annexed this title within the last few years. Radio! The mysterious linking of all the places in the world to a pair of earphones on a horse.

What can be more thrilling than to hear a man's voice, saying: "K. F. I. Los Angeles," coming from the great open spaces?

But let us consider this question from the scientific standpoint. Many people have radios, and naturally each person thinks his set is the best. Some even get so highly enthusiastic about the working qualities of the set that they get places which are not in the great open spaces (for them anyway).

Scientifically, radio is the greatest invention for years. Not many years ago 350 feet was considered a remarkable distance to receive radio impulses, but today some people (not as many as say so) receive over 2500 miles.

I believe the greatest thrill I ever received in radio was about four years ago when, with a crystal detector set, I received Pittsburg. Today I get Texas, Missouri, Canada and Iowa without a quiver. My statement did not say California and China as some reports do. The big thing in radio is getting a station consistently when you want it and getting it well.

Great things may be expected of this development. Already pictures have been sent across the Atlantic, communications have been established around the world, and many other features are claimed by inventors.

For an indoors sport, surpassed by none, for a hobby which will never die in interest, radio fulfills all the requirements.

When you hear "2-LO London, England" come through your receivers do not wonder but think of the great strides made by the harnesser of "the Great Open Spaces."

John B. Gobin, '25

Ask Everett James why the fish are in the Freshman home room now. Too bad his relatives left him!

Hush little Sophomores,  
Don't be bold;  
You're only Freshies  
One year old!!

## A QUESTION

Where does the sparkling  
Where does the sparkling white  
snow go

When it suddenly disappears?

I have wondered and wondered so  
That my weary headaches cause  
me tears.

Can it be taken to the land of  
snow,

My foolish mind seems to want  
to know,

Or can it be gathered in the cloud  
of blue

And kept there all summer  
through.

I have worked many a cross-word  
puzzle

That has set my brain in a fussel,  
But the hardest one for me to  
solve

Is how the sparkling white snow  
dissolves.

Anna Wilner, '27

## MILL CREEK

In a certain secluded spot situated near our city, is an exceptionally beautiful scene. At night especially is this sight soothing and peaceful. The object of most importance here is a lake. Bordering the entire body of water are tall sentinel pines of purple hues, outlined vividly against the black hills. The rippling water splashing harmoniously against the bank is indeed a soothing sound. On a clear night in summer, as the moon casts its silvery reflection on the lake, a person has a greater respect and appreciation of nature and its creator. The Bull Frog Band, the wierd nerve-racking moan of the hoot-owls, and the peculiarly formed trees reflected in the water, all add to the awe-inspiring scene. Just as night is passing and the sun peeps over the hills, life is indeed abundant, for birds, fish and many other forms of nature begin to stir. The damp, misty fog begins to rise and the water looks deep and blue. Flashing sides of trout glare in the sunlight as some unfortunate fly is snatched from the surface. Nature is indeed bountiful here and to me, to idle my time away here, is a restful and inspiring diversion.

John Grazier, '25

Mr. Engh—"Don, I hear that you are quite an artist."

Don M.—"Yes sir, you ought to see me draw flies in the summer."

## ON MAKING EXCUSES

In this world of today one finds very few people who possess the envied art of excuse-making. We poor beings who have not that happy talent search incessantly for new excuses to hide our trivial sins, but, finding nothing, struggle once more with the same poor excuses, twisting them this way and that, in an effort to inject new life into those time worn phrases. We often wonder what we should do if the government were cruel enough to enforce a law that would prohibit all excuses. Then again we ponder over the lugubrious fate of those unfortunates who lived in the time of Queen Elizabeth. What did big sister say when there were no automobiles to have convenient punctures and thus explain her tardy home-coming? What did big brother do when he had no such alibi as the street car or the train to resort to, when he arrived at the office late?

However, these reflections are quickly routed as we realize that one of those very same excuses must be used to explain our absence from dinner—and so we struggle again with the ancient excuses, trying to give them new life—while those who possess the art of excuse making, sit by and enjoy our agony.

Louise Cook, '25

## ALUMNI NOTES

David O'Loughlin, '24, was home for the week-end between semesters at "Pitt" University.

John O'Laughlin, '24, was home over the week-end of Feb. 13-15th, from "Pitt."

Sara Geer, '24, was home from "P. C. W." over the week-end, between semesters of Feb. 6 to 9th.

Oliver Proudfoot took a short vacation from Penn State between semesters and was seen around Westmont for several days at that time.

(Continued from page 1, Col. 1) which told us that the enjoyable party was at an end.

The success of the party was due to the hard, earnest work of the president and her committees in charge, and the generous response of Miss Greer, to whom we give the credit for our very successful year.

M. R. C., '26

**CROSS WORD PUZZLES**

From present indications, the cross word puzzle craze, which now holds the entire school in its clutches, is destined to produce either a number of subjects for a lunatic asylum or a group of self-satisfied individuals with a vast store of synonyms at their command. Truly, "everybody's doing it"; teachers and pupils alike are fascinated, and the morale of the school is affected.

Only yesterday one of the teachers who is well-known to all of us, during a session of study hall, took a newspaper from two studnets, saying that it was a silly pursuit, a waste of time and energy and that it would be of more advantage to them if they gave more attention to their studies. The pupils complied, unwillingly, and when at the end of the study hour they went to the teacher to reclaim their property, she who had rebuked them was loath to give it up; there was one word she couldn't solve!

Unraveling the threads in which the right words are tangled in those queer little spaces, fills time which has been spent in drawing pictures on the black boards, playing checkers, gossiping and studying. It is even feared that the devotees may substitute this fascinating occupation for fore prosaic ones of eating, sleeping, or going to class. It might be a good thing if the faculty would provide for a class in puzzle-solving so that the tenor of our ways be not too badly disturbed.

Mary Louise Burkhard, '26

(Continued from page 1, Col. 3) to the music of the victrola, and Miss Flesher's "jazz efforts."

The Valentine idea was carried out in the refreshments—ice cream and delicious cake. Several members overcame their inherent modesty to the extent that they accepted a second and third serving. It is even rumored that several faculty guests were seen carrying home some of the cake.

The Juniors had as faculty guests Miss Trine, Miss Greer, Miss Osborne and Miss Flesher, and Miss Trine's guest from South Fork, Miss Weekly. They joined the Juniors in experssing to the du Ponts, and Mary Campbell, their appreciation for the lovely party. This is the third Junior party of this school year. It was marked by a good attendance and their usual class spirit.

(Continued from page 1, Col. 2) furnace room. Cement is being laid in the auditorium and over this will be placed a wooden floor. The stage is exactly what we have been wanting for a long time. It is as wide as the auditorium and is about twenty-four feet from front to back. The most important rooms that are on a level with the auditorium are the cafeteria and furnace rooms. The cafeteria is large and will seat about one hundred persons. In the furnace room there are two large boilers and a suction machine that will draw the water from the steam pipes. We then went to the balcony, which is on a level with the first floor of the old part of the school. The rooms on this level are the English and Art rooms. From the balcony we went up a ladder and through a small hole in the ceiling, to the "gym." The "gym" is exactly what we need and is the fulfillment of our wishes. Back of the "gym" are the rooms in which the showers are. The rooms that are on a level with the "gym" are for all the classes of Science.

H. S., '26

**SENIOR CLASS PERSONALS**

Janet Cook and Jane Clark were engaged in a boxing match Friday, the 20th, from which Miss Clark emerged much the worse for wear.

Florence Stutzman rose to such heights over winning a prize at the Girls' Club party that the change in altitude resulted in a severe cold.

The Cambria Library has been the meeting place for the Seniors for the last month. It is suggested that they compose a new volume of Encyclopedia from the knowledge they have accumulated.

John Grazier and Bill Woods have become dealers in Hand Lotion. Ask Bill for particulars.

A great mystery yet to be solved is how did Albert Baker and Kenneth Fisher get shut in the cloak room?

**JOKES**

R. Hammond—"When I go to heaven I'm going to ask Solomon why he had so many wives."

Wm. Bailey—"What if he's not in heaven?"

R. Hammond—"Then you ask him."

Janet Cook—"Quick Sis is unconscious."

Mother (greatly excited and frightened)—"What has happened?"

Janet—"She didn't hear the alarm clock."

Ben Coll—"Are you fond of nuts?"

Sara Englehardt—"I'm terribly sorry but I'm busy tonight."

Rusty L., who never tires of entertaining an audience, was rudely interrupted in study hall the other day. While she was holding her audience spellbound, Mr. Fails said:

"Hermine it's time to stop talking, the oratorical contest ended last week."

Mrs. Keffer (in History class) —"In the presidential campaign of 1827 coon skins were nailed on the miniature log cabins and paraded through the streets as a campaign scheme for Harrison."

Frances McGahan—"I never knew they were allowed to skin the poor negroes down South."

**SOPHOMORE POSSIBILITIES**

If Mary Louise got hot would Mary Louise Boyle.

If Irving had a tent where would Irving Camp.

If Lida had a stove what would Lida Cook.

If Leonard had a cow where would Leonard Graz-ier.

If Herbert was a thug what would Herbert Raab.

If Kathleen had a bugle what would Kathleen Coll.

If Gertrude were a teacher who would Gertrude Haight.

If Robert were a colored girl would Robert Sabo.

If Lillian were a pugilist who would Lillian Slough.

If Olive worked in a store what would Olive Sell.

If Mary Francis bought petrol-eum what would Mary Frances Tarr.

**BASKET BALL**

Mt. Savage 48, Westmont 24, away.

Cresson 11, Westmont 20, away.

Ferndale 35, Westmont 26, home.

Leechburg 38, Westmont 37, home.

Altoona 42, Westmont 13, away.