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SENIOR DEBATING

The Senior English classes are now studying one of the most interesting subjects of the year, debating and argumentation. The students are manifesting unusual interest in this subject, strange as it may seem.

Thus far the classes have debated on many timely questions and topics of the day—immigration, strikes, divorce laws, student government, education and control of the Philippines. This series of debates has been primarily to train the students for the annual debate. The effects of this have been noticed already as some members of the class have developed into logical debaters. The subject of this year's final debate is, Resolved, That all the states should ratify the Child Labor Law.

This subject is very appropriate, as it has been before the states for ratification. Magazines and papers have discussed the question, pro and con, in its every phase, and the interest, therefore, in the debate is widespread.

The preliminaries were held March 18, when Miss Krebs, Miss Flesher and Mr. Fails selected the following teams: Affirmative, Louise Cook, John Gobin, Freda Glosser and Rose Callet; Negative, Dorothy Stenger, John Northwood, Florence Stutzman, and Jane Clark.

The public is invited to attend the finals on April 2, at eight o'clock.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the School Board was held Friday, March 13. Mr. Carstensen of the Carstensen-McLain Company was present and discussed the progress made in the new building. He said much progress has been made.

The new heating system has been connected with the new and old buildings. The floor of the auditorium is complete and the floor in the "gym" will be finished in the near future. Throughout the new building the walls and ceilings have been completed and the ornamental plastering is now being done in the auditorium.

JOHNNY WENT TO "FUN NITE"

Johnny went to "Fun Nite" with a dollar and a half.

First he went to the minstrel, and you should have heard him laugh.

Then he went to Coney Island and ate "Hot Dogs" galore, And at the candy stand, he ate a plenty more;

He visited the English play, and the Indoor Circus, too.

And, say, there really was not much that Johnny did not do.

DAVID ENGELHART, '27.

"FUN NITE"

Well, sir, she was the biggest, most successful "Fun Nite" in the history of Westmont-Upper Yoder High School. People came to "Fun Nite" for a good time and they "sure" got it, for they all went home with an expression of happiness and cheer on their faces. If Washington, D. C., gets a sudden boom of prosperity it can be blamed on the spending of "Fun Nite" money by the Seniors. Speaking of crowds, why the people at "Fun Nite" made the spectators of a Harvard-Yale football game look like a group of flappers at a Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

Everything went over great; the minstrel, the play, and many other attractions were successful in both fun and finance. It was explained by the refreshments stand waiters that they thought a reoccurrence of the feeding of the five thousand was taking place, or else those "hot dogs" tasted to the public like watermelon tastes to a Southern ducky. Indeed, a person lost a good portion of the optimistical part of life if he missed this gala event.

SENIOR PLAY

The Seniors have departed from the time honored custom of having a Shakespearean play and have chosen "Pomander Walk" for their commencement play. This play will be given in May and is quite appropriate, as the action in the play takes place in May. The play will be under the able supervision of Miss Margaret Greer.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Two members of the Senior class, Jane Clark and Dorothy Stenger, have been elected as members of the National Honor Society. The requirements of this society are scholarship and leadership. Last year Emma Mae Jones and Florence Stutzman were the Junior members chosen.

At the end of their school year there will be one member from the present Junior class elected to this society.

THE WASHINGTON TRIP

The long looked-forward-to trip to Washington is rapidly approaching. At 11:29 A. M. on April 16, the Seniors leave by the Pennsylvania Railroad for Washington, D. C. As the plans stand at present, the guide is Mr. Brooks, the hotel is the La Fayette, and the chaperones are Miss Flesher and Mr. Engh. The class will return in the evening of Tuesday, April 21.

THE BOYS' CLUB

The main speaker at the meeting of the Boys' Club on February 6, was one of our local attorneys, Mr. Baumgardner. He is a close student of the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, of whom he talked in a most interesting and instructive manner. He earnestly encouraged the boys to study the lives of great men because of the influence it has on their lives. His thorough knowledge of his subject and his ability as a speaker was shown by the praise which the entire club gave him.

TENNIS

This year tennis practice will start in the early part of April, if the weather permits. The team will play on the Tennis Club courts. As soon as everyone places his name on the list of candidates for the team, drawings will be made for the elimination tournament. Games are expected to be scheduled with Carnegie Tech Freshmen and the Pitt Freshmen. Other scholastic teams will be scheduled, and the outlook for a good season is bright.

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EDITORIAL

At last our hopes and dreams have been realized! The new addition to our school is now virtually completed! What every class that entered Westmont-Upper Yoder High School, since its birth, has longed to see, we will be the first to benefit by. The School Board has done its part, our parents have done theirs, have we anything to do to promote the success of this undertaking? Shall we only reap the benefits of this work? No, there is one important thing for us to do. We must show our appreciation.

What community is not proud of the fact that its school is known to produce good, fast athletic teams, year after year? What parent is not proud of his son who has developed a strong, clean body, who is able to cope with the biggest and best athletes of other schools?

Track practice has already started; tennis will soon be under way. Let us respond to the call for practice. There is an excellent chance for all, more so than ever before. The tennis team as well as the track team has been weakened by the graduation of the class of '24. Do not be a spectator, if you can be a player. Consider it your duty to be a member of that team, then fight to win a place on it. Make the other fellow fight to win; he will be all the stronger for it, so will you!

Every boy and every girl is an important part of the school! Make the school better for your

being in it! Leave nothing for the next fellow that you can do yourself! Let us show our appreciation for what the community has done for us. We can make it proud of Westmont-Upper Yoder High School. Will you do your part?

FELLOW ENTHUSIASTS

Our Fall and Winter sports' seasons have come to an end, bringing glory and renown to our school. The same bold warriors carried on as varsity and subs through both seasons were under the very able instruction of Mr. Engh and the support of an enthusiastic student body. This support was on the wane after the close of the League season and this was an unpardonable mistake. The basketball team needed our enthusiastic support then, to overcome the sting of defeats on foreign floors.

Realizing the mistakes we made this year, let us look forward to the first season on our own "gym" floor, and resolve to strengthen and improve our support of the team. Let the student body strengthen their support by bringing their parents.

The ladies will occupy one side of the "gym" and the "Old Guard Rooters" the other side. Every one should be pleased with this seating arrangement.

An interested Dad,

LOUIS K. CLEAVER.

GENERALIZED STATEMENT OF FUN NITE, MARCH 20th, 1925

Name of Account	Receipts	Expenditures	Net Profit
Minstrel	\$198.25	\$5.50	\$192.75
Dancing	42.10	24.00	18.10
English Play	58.95	10.00	48.95
Radio Stunt	20.64		20.64
Fish Pond	17.24		17.24
Oriental Room	28.36	4.20	24.16
Smoker's Fantasy	18.30		18.30
Humaniphone	5.29		5.29
Candy	37.94	21.66	16.28
Check Room	18.18	3.20	14.98
Refreshments	14.19	14.20	9.49
Indoor Circus	10.05	.20	9.85
Silhouette Gallery	5.45		5.45
Shooting Gallery	9.25		9.25
Hot Dog Stand	43.40	18.33	25.07
Miscellaneous	4.00	11.75	7.74
Booth No. 2	8.51		8.51
Total	\$550.10	\$113.53	\$436.57
Net profit:			\$436.57.

OUR PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Extra curricular activities, the different organized activities not included in the regular class room work of the school, are recognized today by the leading educators as of sufficient value to demand time provision. They offer practice in the art of citizenship under the guidance of teachers. Schools are for service and not for self alone. One of our most noted educators says: "School is not a preparation for life—it is life." Many pupils develop through the extra curricular activities, latent talents which would otherwise either lie dormant or be discovered at a much later period. In them, every boy and every girl is given an opportunity to assume gradually, responsibilities for which he or she is best fitted.

Naturally, unless the teachers are on their guard, a few strong leaders will be permitted to be active in too many organizations, thus lowering their scholarship and vitality, and at the same time, denying the less able or less aggressive pupils the right of participation.

Three years ago, to avoid the above undesirable conditions, the Students' Council, with the aid of two teachers and the Principal, prepared a point system, evaluating each type of activity in the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School. By this system the eligibility of a pupil is determined.

For a brief period some of the rules of the system did not function effectively. This year a committee of the faculty revised the system to meet our present needs.

REVISED POINT SYSTEM

Maximum points that an A, B or C grade pupil may carry at any given time: Twelve (12) Permanent or ten (10) Temporary or seventeen (17) Permanent and Temporary.

A pupil receiving one D grade may carry only three-fourths this number of points.

A pupil receiving more than one D grade may carry only two (2) points, preferably as a member of either the Girls' Club or the Boys' Club.

PERMANENT

- 8—President
- 3—Vice President.
- 3—Secretary
- 3—Treasurer
- 2—Membership
- 3—Committee Chairman

- 2—Bank Teller
- 2—Bank Bookkeeper
- 2—Cashier

TEMPORARY

- 4—Manager
- 2—Ass't. Mgr.
- 3—Cheer Leader
- 5—Captain
- 4—Players (Sports)
- 4—Cast (Drama)

PERMANENT POINTS**PHONECIAN**

- 8—Editor
- 4—Ass't. Editor
- 6—Business Manager
- 4—Art Editor
- 4—Athletic Editor
- 3—Ass't Business Mgr.
- 2—Circulating Mgr.
- 2—Reporters
- 3—Heads
- 6—Literary Editor
- 6—Joke Editor
- 6—Advertising Editor
- 1—Extra Science
- 1—Library Work

The activities listed and evaluated are football, basketball, baseball, tennis, track, Boys' Club, Girls' Club, Dramatic Club, Students' Council, Radio Club, Latin Club, Thrift Bank, Phoenician, including the Gossip, and class officers. Since the pupils receive credit for being members of the Glee Club and Orchestra, these two activities are considered as part of the regular school program and are not listed among the extra curricular activities.

MISS KREBS' TALK AT GIRLS' CLUB

At the last meeting of the Girls' Club, Miss Krebs gave a very interesting account of her trip to Cincinnati. The high schools and the Rockwood Pottery were the places of most interest to her. Miss Krebs said that Cincinnati is a beautiful city which has a progressive spirit and seems more like a big town than a city. It is a wealthy city, bestowing its wealth on its schools, museums, and other civic institutions.

The meetings which Miss Krebs attended were held in the various high schools, the largest and most beautiful of which was the Withrow High School. The school grounds cover twenty-seven acres, and the building appears more like an art museum than a school. There is a gymnasium for the boys and girls, a swimming pool and a splendid stadium, which seats five thousand people. The auditorium seats fifteen hundred people and has a large pipe

organ. The school has many rare gifts donated by the generous citizens of the city.

Miss Krebs visited the famous Rockwood Pottery factory. This is one of the greatest factories of its kind in the world. Mrs. Longworth Store, who was interested in this work, conceived the idea of a pottery. It was organized in 1883 and Mr. Taylor became the manager. He left it in the hands of trustees in 1913, when he died. The pottery is of the highest grade, being made on molds and on pottery wheels. Artists from the Academy are the decorators. The Rockwood pottery has made itself famous throughout the world, winning prizes at the Paris, St. Petersburg, Turin and the Alaskan expositions.

We can be justly proud of this American institution which can compete with Europe's greatest products.

PERSONALS

Colds come in quite handy when vacations are desired. (See Mary Frances Tarr for particulars.)

Miss Osborne is so fond of Leonard Grazier that she has asked him to stay in Detention Room with her.

Verna Fulmer and David Englehart are beginning to vie in "saxaphoning."

"Mickey" McCall has blossomed into a young man—he wears longers permanently now.

Mary Louise Boyle found the alarm clock too noisy to be endured, so she just slept peacefully on for several hours longer.

Irving Camp has decided to be a man—hence the longers.

The Nemo management has decided to give a free show because so much money was taken in Friday, March 6—the Gobin-Grazier-Hoot-Owls being the attraction.

When "Andy" Crichton gets enough money, he intends to treat Vera Fulmer to a movie.

Rosemary Bingham has sworn off chewing 'gum during Lent. Wonder how long it will last.

There's not a college in the U. S. that Lida Cook hasn't written to.

"Cappy" Coll's books are having a rest, now that she's become independent.

"Mickey" McCall has become interested in a certain sophomore with red hair. We wonder who she is!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR NEWS

The Seniors are seen in various "studies" "furiously" reading for their debate. By the time the debate is over I am quite sure they will all agree as to the issue at stake—The Child Labor Amendment Should be Passed.

A nice young Senior requests that the Junior class supply things for the fish pond. Evidently the Seniors are all engaged elsewhere and cannot fill up the fish pond.

School spirit is a fine thing, but ours seems to be mainly held up by the Seniors and Juniors. Why don't the under classmen and some of the girls around the school attend the basketball games? The team would surely win if some of our good-looking (?) girls would be on hand to vamp the visiting teams.

Many Juniors are heard speaking French after school on certain days. I wonder why? Maybe they intend to visit France in the near future.

Bill Greer is talking quite a bit about going to California. Evidently Bill is making a close study of "California Here I Come."

The Junior class has taken up Student Government. Maybe Miss Trine will get some rest now.

Lena Horton spent a week-end with her sister at Shippensburg Normal School.

APRIL CALENDAR

- April 2—Boys' Club.
- April 6—Chapel program, Music, Dramatic Club.
- April 8-13—Easter Recess.
- April 13—Chapel program—"Easter."
- April 16—Boys' Club.
- April 20—Chapel program, Music.
- April 16-22—Senior Washington Trip.
- April 20—Boys' Club.
- April 23—Girls' Club.
- April 27—Chapel Program—Senior Washington Trip.

OUR TEAM

Despite the many difficulties which our basket-ball team has encountered, we are proud to state that out of twenty-one games we were victorious in nine. This is a very good record considering the fact that five of the men on the team were new.

Coach Engh and the team deserve much credit for their fine record and we are glad to take this opportunity to congratulate them.

A BASKETBALL TRIP

On March 5th and 6th our basketball team invaded the "West" to play Leechburg and Vandergrift High Schools.

The first stop was at Blairsville Intersection. Here there was a wait of nearly an hour. Coach Engh spent this time in reading a romance. The hero was just ready to rescue his love from five bandits when the conductor cried, "Train for Vandergrift."

The team arrived at Vandergrift at about one o'clock and was met by the Vandergrift coach. They registered at the Sherman Inn. Most of the afternoon was spent visiting the high school.

In the game that evening both teams were evenly matched, and the spectators saw an interesting game. Although our boys played hard they were defeated by a score of 47 to 15.

At ten o'clock the next morning the team started for Leechburg. It was a short ride, and upon their arrival they went to Kiski Valley Hotel.

The game that evening was the most exciting ever played in the new "gym" at Leechburg. During the last quarter our team led by ten points, but three of our men were put out on personal fouls, and, although the remaining three men fought hard, it was impossible to win, so we lost by one point, 29-28.

The boys started home next morning and arrived in town just in time to do the Saturday work.

Those who took the trip were "Bill" Seitz, "Piv" Bailey, "Bud" Morley, "T. D." Williams, "Tom" Jose, "Ev" James, "Flint" Williams, and Mr. Engh.

"Pat" Bidelman was unable to take the trip on account of sickness.

THE TRACK MEET

Our annual Cambria County Track Meet will be held at Ebensburg, Saturday, May 23.

Each school is allowed three entries in each event. The preliminaries are run off in the morning and those who succeed will compete in the finals which will be held in the afternoon.

Track practice for boys' and girls' teams begins April 1.

Everybody in the school is strongly urged to come out for practice so that Miss Leahy and Mr. Engh will have plenty of material from which to choose good teams.

You do not have to be a second Nurmi, or a Paddock to be eligible for the "try outs." Just because you have not had any experience in athletics is no reason why you should not come out and show your school spirit. The only way we can make a good track team is to have everybody come out and let us have some competition in the various events. This would be a good year to bring home the cup.

Those who have been to the meet in other years can promise a good time to the Freshies and to anyone who has never been there.

Let us start to boost and keep on boosting until we come home from Ebensburg with laurels.

WHO'S WHO IN SPORTS

Bill Seitz, our captain and varsity man for three years!

To Bill we owe much of our success and it will be hard to picture our school team on the basketball floor without him.

Bill Bailey, the only member of the varsity to be with us next year.

We naturally look to Bill to lead next year's team to victory in the new "gym."

Everett James, the husky forward.

If there is one player that will be missed and needed next year it is Everett, who carried the team to victory many times!

"Kenny" Bidelman, our dependable center.

With his keen eye, long legs and natural basketball ability, "Ken" is always a stumbling block to opposing teams.

"Bud" Marley, our flashy forward.

"Bud" stepped in and won several games with his pep and spirit. He deserves praise.

"T. D." Williams, a hard fighter.

"T. D." is always quick and alert, and has the true spirit back of him.

"Tom" Jose, a hard worker.

"Tom" is always plugging away for the good of the team. We will miss fellows like "Tommy."

BASKETBALL

Juniata 22, W. U. Y. H. S. 32, away.
Mt. Savage 32, W. U. Y. H. S. 22, home.

Vandergrift 42, W. U. Y. H. S. 15, away.

Leechburg 29, W. U. Y. H. S. 28, away.

Vandergrift 20, W. U. Y. H. S. 23, home.

JOKES

Mrs. Keffer (pointing to river on map)—"Which way is up?"
Dot Wolf—"Down."

Miss Flesher—"Raymond, what makes you think Irving traveled in the western part of the United States?"

Raymond—"Because he mentioned the Alps."

Miss Trine—"Billy tell us something about Hawthorne."

Billy O.—"I hate to talk about dead people, it makes me feel so bad."

Miss Trine—"Well since you are a Freshman I suppose you'll get an encyclopedia."

John Reese—"No, I won't, I'll walk to school."

You can always tell the English,
You can always tell the Dutch,
You can always tell the Freshmen,
But you cannot tell them much.

Little words of wisdom,
Little words of bluff,
Make the teachers tell us,
"Sit down, that is enough."

Miss Osborne in Freshman assembly—"Can't you boys over there settle down to business?"

Robert Campbell—"No customers."

WHO'S WHO IN THE FACULTY

Mr. Shambach—King John I.

Miss Krebs—The Queen.

Miss White—The Woman in White.

Miss Osborne—Caesar's right-hand man.

Mr. Fails—Chemist-a-la-mode.

Miss Flesher—The Senior Advisor.

Miss Trine—The Lecturer.

Mr. Engh—The Banker.

Miss Canan—The Bacterium.

Mrs. Harris—Mrs. Michelangelo.

Mrs. Keffer—That'd be tellin'.

Miss Ross—Somebody's Stenog.

Miss Greer—Book Chaser.

Mr. Lambert—General Manager of Bethlehem Steel Co.

Miss Ames—Do-Re-Mi.

Miss Leahy—Powerful Katrinka.

Mr. Belles—Powerful Katrinka's Little Brother.

PAT AND MIKE.