

# THE GOSSIP

WESTMONT-UPPER YODER HIGH SCHOOL

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## JOHN WOLF RECEIVES STATE SCHOLARSHIP

### To Attend Penn State This Fall

John Wolf '26 of the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School, by winning a state scholarship, recently brought honor not only upon himself but upon his school.

Tests for the scholarship were given May 7 in all high schools in Cambria County including the Johnston schools.

As a result of these tests Blanche Hess, a pupil in the Johnston High School, won the scholarship. As Miss Hess was unable to accept the offer, John Wolf, who scored second in the tests, was offered the scholarship.

John was free to choose any institution of learning in Pennsylvania, and he chose Pennsylvania State College.

Graduating from the Westmont grade school in 1922 as an honor student, John entered the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School from which institution he graduated as an honor student in 1926.

During his high school career, he was a member of the Student's Council, Organization Editor on "The Gossip" and "Phoenecian" staff and class president of the Senior class. Besides being active in these positions, he was active in football, basketball, and track.

The scholarship which John was awarded is given by the State Department of Education at Harrisburg to benefit scholarship and to induce better school averages. Similar scholarships are given by the Board of Education in every county in Pennsylvania.

## MR SHAMBACH MARRIED DURING THE SUMMER

During the summer Mrs. Luella Shortess of Montandon, Pa., became the wife of John E. Shambach, Super-vising Principal of the Westmont-Upper Yoder School districts. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by the Reverend Shortess of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

After traveling to Niagara Falls, Montreal, and Quebec, the couple returned to their home, 231 Fayette Street, Westmont, Pa.

## MISS REESE IS FALL BRIDE

### Former Teacher Was Married in Franklin St. M. E. Church

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Reese, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Reese, of 1322 Mifflin street, to Raymond Little, took place at the Franklin Street Methodist Episcopal Church at noon Saturday, September 18. The Rev. Dr. McWilliams performed the ceremony.

Miss Reese, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of rose georgette with hat to match. She carried a bouquet of roses.

Miss Miriam Reese, her sister, who was maid of honor, wore a dress of rose tan georgette with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses. Mr. Little attended the groom, and the ushers were John Repse and Mr. Drew.

A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony. The bride and bridegroom have gone on a wedding trip to Eastern cities. They will reside in Pittsburgh.

## WESTMONT WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS AT FALL SEMESTER

### Minter Ott and Mrs. Keffler Are Addition to School Faculty

Among the new faces at our school this year we welcome Mrs. Keffler of 520 Franklin Street, and Minter Ott of 716 Pine Street, and hope their presence on the faculty will be most pleasant and helpful.

Mrs. Keffler is known to most of the upper classmen, since she had charge of the History department the second semester of the 1924-25 term, and was a substitute during the 1925-26 term.

After graduating from Columbia University, Mrs. Keffler taught in the Johnston schools. Later she entered a teacher's training school in Minnesota. This summer Mrs. Keffler did graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh. Besides much outside study, Mrs. Keffler has traveled widely in the United States, and has been abroad several times.

Mr. Ott is known as the home room teacher of the Junior boys, as an instructor of mathematics to the upper classmen, and as teacher of Civics to the Freshmen.

Mr. Ott graduated from Gettysburg College in 1923, from which institution he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. He has taken graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh. Before becoming one of our faculty, Mr. Ott was Principal of the South Fork High School.

## MISS GREER OUTLINES WORK IN DRAMATICS

Plans for the dramatic work under the supervision of Miss Margaret Greer, Librarian and Coach, are outlined for the year.

The Girls' Club, sometime before Christmas, will put on a play. All those who have seen the Girls' Club plays in the past, look forward with pleasure to this event.

In January or February a play, the proceeds of which will be used by the Senior Class for their Washington trip, will be staged in the auditorium. This is a worthy cause, and the patronage of every play lover and play goer is solicited.

Besides these large plays, many one act plays and dramatizations will be given in the weekly chapel.

At the end of the season will come the Annual Senior play, the climax of the year's dramatics, to which all look forward with pleasure.

## NINE ISSUES OF THE GOSSIP PROMISED FOR THIS YEAR

Nine issues of "The Gossip" will be published this year. The dates of publication are as follows:

Thursday, September 30: Friday, October 29; Tuesday, November 23; Wednesday, December 22; Friday, January 28; Friday, February 25; Thursday, March 31; Friday, April 29, and Tuesday, May 31.

Weigel & Barber, Inc., local printers, will print each issue.

Glossers, Gallikers, and Sanitary are generously assisting us to publish our "Gossip" this year by advertising in each of our issues. They deserve your patronage.

## Magician to Appear At Westmont-Upper Yoder High School

### FINE PROGRAM IS PROMISED

## NEW FLOOR HAS BEEN LAID IN SCHOOL GYM

Contractors Carstensen and McClain laid a new floor in the school gymnasium.

This floor, which is of heavy and better wood than the previous floor, is laid in strips running lengthwise. The floor, too, has been treated in such a way that it will not become slippery.

The paint used in laying off the basketball lines will not wear off. Since the floor is better and the spirit of athletics rising, this should be one of the most brilliant years ever known in this school in the athletic field.

## HILLTOP AND COCHRAN TIE IN OPENING GAME

### Cochran Finds Strong Opposition in Hilltop's Stone Wall Defence

With a score of 13-13 the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School Football squad held the Cochran Junior team, in the first game of the season on the golf links, Saturday, September 25.

There was a steady rain falling throughout the game, making the ball slippery so that there were frequent fumbles.

The game was bitterly contested, and although Westmont outplayed its opponent, victory was impossible on account of costly fumbles.

On account of the rain, the number of spectators was not large, but the constant cheering urged the teams ever forward.

Longwell was Westmont's outstanding star. He made several pretty punts and was a consistent line plunger. Captain Price of Cochran made a fifty yard run for a touchdown. The lineup:

Cochran—13	Westmont—13
Keim.....L. E.	Crichton
Glosser.....L. T.	Eckel
Weidner.....L. G.	Gurley
Robins.....C.	Black
Roger.....R. G.	Dishong (c)
Thomas.....R. T.	Conrad
Geer.....R. E.	Marshall
Boyle.....Q.	Brickner
Price (c).....L. H.	Longwell
Leffler.....R. H.	McGrath
Abdella.....F. B.	Kintner
Subs—Miller for Keim, Warren for Leffler, Carroll for Crichton, Horton for Conrad, Wagner for Robins.	
Touchdowns—Longwell, Price, Kintner, Keim.	
Try for Point—Kintner.	
Referee—Reese (W. & J.)	
Umpire—Fair (Westminster.)	
Head Linesman—Zerbe (Lebanon.)	

## PROCEEDS GO TOWARD HIGH SCHOOL FUND

With the coming of J. M. Gwynne, a magician, the Hilltop Community will be given a treat on October 8th at the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School Auditorium.

Since the days when Merlin, the sage of King Arthur's Court, astonished the Knights with his magic, and the Thief of Bagdad rode victoriously through the sky on his Magic Carpet, magic has been one delightful form of entertainment. To be able to shut one's self off from the work-a-day world and enter the land of magical enchantment, is not only highly pleasing, but stimulating. Such a treat is promised with the coming of J. M. Gwynne.

The matinee performance for the children of Westmont and Upper Yoder Schools, will be given the afternoon of the eighth and on the evening of the same day, he will display his magical wonders to the high school pupils and adults.

In previous years Mr. Gwynne has done a great deal of work for the American Legion in Johnston and has always delighted his spectators, and those who have seen him this year in the surrounding schools are quite enthusiastic over his added accomplishments.

With these points in view the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School expects a crowded auditorium.

## SENIORS OPEN SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR YEAR WITH CORN ROAST

### Everyone Pronounces Senior Party Most Successful

The Senior Class opened the social calendar of the school year by holding a corn roast on Saturday evening at the cottage of Mr. Carl A. Engh.

It was one of the most successful parties ever held by any class in the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School.

The rain did not dampen the spirits of the young people, but tended to have a contrary effect. The guests were transported to the cottage in cars, and while they were gathering, music from the Victrola bade those who were already there, to do the Charleston.

Bridge, Fortune Telling, "Words," Dancing and a Concertina furnished the evening's entertainment, besides the hot dogs, corn, marshmallows, and cider which put all in a jovial frame of mind to return home.







“WHAT THE GREAT WILL DO THE LESS WILL PRATTLE OF”

Ruth Owen, Mary Catherine Porter, Emma Jane Lohr, and Catherine Stiff, let were camping for a short time at Camp Crawford, Ligonier, Pa., this summer.

John McGrath spent the summer at the Citizens Military Training Camp at Camp Mead, Maryland.

A three week's visit in Cleveland made the summer vacation of Marguerite Florman an interesting one.

"Went to Washington and had a wonderful time," states Eleanor Collet of her summer.

Eugene Smith spent a busy summer working for the Johnstown Grocery Co., on Railroad Street.

David Englehart's summer employment under his father's supervision provided him with splendid discipline which has carried over into the class room this fall. We are all duly thankful.

Fishing, swimming, and motoring at Lake Champlain occupied a greater part of Sylvia Rush's summer. She boasts of catching nineteen perch one day, and four sunfish the next.

Clairie Blough turned farmer for the summer, working on a truck farm.

Louise Piper wishes to announce that he spent a "monotonous" summer, loafing.

Craig Longwell gives the following outline of his summer's pursuits:

- 1—Went to Mt. Vernon.
- 2—Visited Shenandoah Caverns.
- 3—Toured Washington, D. C.
- 4—Went to Camp Reynolds.
- 5—Played tennis and baseball.

Eleanor Doney, one of our new pupils, had an interesting summer, visiting the Sesqui Centennial and Baldwin College, Philadelphia. The month of July found her in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Hermine Luebert, Senior class President, made use of her summer by playing tennis, and visiting friends and relatives on week-end vacations.

We wish to acknowledge this communication from Peter Carroll: "Peter Carroll ate, slept, and played baseball in the newly formed Westmont Baseball League." The baseball league alluded to by Peter derived much of its support from the would-be baseball fans of the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School.

Among the Sophomore and Junior classes, the following new pupils are enrolled: Jane Ake and Eleanor Doney, Juniors; Royden Casker, Sigmund Kaminsky and Delbert Gahagen, Sophomores.

Ruth McCahan was sent as a delegate from the Girls' Club of the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School to the Girls' Reserve Conference.

William Bailey, former captain of the football team, will be unable to play this year because of injuries to his foot which he sustained this summer.

Cheapl! Cheapl! Cheapl! Here comes Robert Campbell in his ten dollar Ford.

The Bethlehem Steel Co. employed the following boys this summer: Chester Miller, "Horse" Gurley, and "Shiek" Brickner.

The Schmerins are moving to Youngstown, Ohio, in the near future.

Donald Wright inspected the battlefield of Gettysburg this summer.

Elizabeth Symons visited her sister, Elizabeth Symons, at State College for a week.

Among those who camped at Camp Harmony this summer were Mary Mosholder and Esther Berkley.

Austin Deter sold "watered" gas all summer.

John Faunce, our mechanic, fixed a Ford this summer, while our other mechanic, Herbert Fulmer, worked at a garage.

Cornelia Rogers attended the graduation exercises at Ossining School, New York, where her sister graduated this year.

Natalie Suppes spent three weeks in Atlantic City and Absecon, New Jersey.

Emily Collier vacationed in Pittsburgh and in Massachusetts.

Pushing a lawn mower comprised Arther Eichler's summer recreation.

Benny Fletcher "jumped off" into the great open spaces, and increased his knowledge of geography and history by working in the Kansas wheat fields during the vacation season.

Bessie Closser visited in Detroit and spent a week in the Sanatorium at Battle Creek, Michigan, this summer.

Katherine Huebner's summer was made memorable by her prize-fight experience.

"Andy" Crichton did the "dirty work" with a gang of surveyors.

John D. Reese gained valuable material for his writing when he worked for the summer with the Gates Flying Circus.

Howard Black interrupted his summer's work with his father with a trip to Buffalo.

Clarendon Crichton visited Chautauqua Lake, New York, during the summer months.

Walter Sides was employed by the Tanner-Brockner Steel Wire Co. as a wire puller this summer. Perhaps he is preparing for a political career.

One Robert Sherman has dropped by the wayside, Fredman Bidelman. He has entered the Cambria Business College.

Dorothy Ivy '30 was in an automobile accident. Her eyelid was cut and she was forced to remain at home for several days.

Grethchen Kopp spent four weeks in Atlantic City and three on the eastern shore of Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay, this summer.

Virginia Hannan visited near Winchester, Virginia and in Pittsburgh.

Emily Thomas attended the graduation exercises at Annapolis. Later she motored to Niagara Falls, West-point and through New York State.

Olga Davis, Jane Davis and Nancy Jane Longnecker spent some time at Camp Reynolds this summer.

A visit from her aunt from Scotland and from an uncle from India made the summer vacation of Margaret Sturrock especially interesting.

Mary Bell spent some time at the Sesqui and at Ocean City. Her greatest achievement was learning to swim.

NOTES OF INTEREST

New equipment consisting of walnut tables with linoleum tops, and walnut chairs has improved the appearance of the cafeteria. The cafeteria will accommodate about one hundred pupils.

Likewise the auditorium will be improved by the addition of new chairs. Samples have been submitted, but as yet the kind to be used has not been selected.

The up stairs hallway had a spring house cleaning and the walls are beautiful and clean.

The annual Washington trip will be taken by the Senior class during the Easter recess, April 14 to 18. Instead of a Fun Nite to raise funds for the trip, a play and minstrel will be given in the auditorium of the high school.

Charles Temple was absent from school last week on account of the death of his grandmother.

Mr. Haas, grandfather of Betty Burkhard, died suddenly on Thursday evening.

During the summer, Mr. Slough, father of Lillian Slough, a Senior, passed away.

All Home Economics work in the Westmont School district will be given in the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School this year.

By this method the seventh and eighth grades of the Stutzman school are enabled to take the work. The sixth grade of the Tioga Street school has been permitted to take the course. The classes will take sewing one semester and cooking the next.

FACULTY REPORT VARIED PURSUITS DURING SUMMER

The teaching corps of the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School returned to work greatly refreshed by spending their summer in the following various ways:

Miss Matilda Krebs, Principal, spent the majority of her time at home, raising flowers of all sorts and tending her vegetable garden.

Mr. John E. Shambach, Supervising Principal, after his two week's vacation, resumed his duties in the office of the Westmont-Upper Yoder High School.

Miss Virginia Ross spent the entire summer at her home in Warrior's Mark, Pa., with the exception of one week spent at Kiski.

Miss Emelyn Trine also remained at her home in Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., during the summer months.

Mr. Belles did graduate work at Columbia during the summer from which university he will receive his Master's degree this year.

Miss Osborne spent the vacation season at her cottage at Bay View, Michigan.

Mr. Ott, who is working for his Master's degree took a six week's extension course offered in Johnstown by the University of Pittsburgh. The remainder of the time he was employed by the G. K. Klein Co.

Mr. Falls did research work in a chemical laboratory in Riverton, New Jersey.

Mrs. Kaffer passed her vacation at Clifton Springs in the "Finger Lake District" in New York. She also studied Mexican History in Pittsburgh for six weeks.

Miss Ames went to summer school at State College, Pa.

Miss Canan spent an interesting summer teaching nature study at Buck Hill Falls in the Pocono Mts.

Mrs. Harris taught art at State College, Pa.

Miss Leahy camped during the summer in Somerset County.

Miss Mowrey attended the summer session of the University of Pennsylvania.

Miss Engelhardt toured the New England States and visited the Sesqui Centennial.

Mr. Engh was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. this summer.

**TEACHERS TO HOLD PARTY, FRIDAY, OCT. 1**

The teachers of the Westmont and Upper Yoder School District will hold their annual fall party on Friday evening, October 1, at the summer home of Mr. Carl Engh along the Menoher Highway.

The committees in charge are:

Location—Miss Krebs, Mr. Engh.

Mr. Falls.

Transportation — Mr. Shambach, Introduction—Miss Krebs, Mrs. Harris, Miss Sloan, Miss Ames, and Mrs. Ober.

Entertainment—Mr. Falls, Miss Trine, Mr. Cromer, Miss Leahy, and Mr. Engh.

Attendance—Miss Finkelson, Miss Jones, Miss Emerick, Miss Horton, Mrs. Mansfield, Miss Barnhart, Miss Mangus, and Mrs. Thomas.

Refreshments—Miss Englehardt, Mr. Belles, Miss Leibold, Miss Steele, Mrs. Mansfield, Miss Osborne, Miss Canan.

IN MEMORIAM

During the summer, two Westmont-Upper Yoder High School boys, Robert Saxon '27 and "T. D." Williams '25 crossed into that land from which there is no return.

Robert Saxon entered the High School as a Sophomore in 1924, having taken his Freshman work at the Ebensburg High School. After a splendid school career, Robert was forced to leave high school at the end of the eighth month. He was taken to the sanatorium at Cresson, but despite careful attention, was unable to combat the disease.

Thomas Williams, familiarly known as "T. D.," died of heart attack following a severe sickness of pneumonia.

"T. D." graduated in the class of '25, and attended Bucknell University as a Freshman.

His record as an athlete in school was particularly brilliant, playing on the football and basketball teams. He was a talented musician and pleased the student body many times with his selections.

"T. D.'s" death is the second break in the claim of alumni.

School Calendar—1926-1927

Westmont-Upper Yoder High School

Monday, August 30—School Opens

Friday, September 3—School closes for Labor Day and Cambria County Fair.

Wednesday, September 8—School re-opens.

Tuesday, September 28—First school month closes. (20 days taught.)

Friday, October 15—School closes for Institute.

Monday, October 25—School reopens.

Tuesday, November 2—Second school month closes. (40 days taught.)

Wednesday, November 24—School closes for Thanksgiving.

Monday, November 29—School re-opens.

Thursday, December 2—Third school month closes. (60 days taught.)

Thursday, December 23—School closes for Christmas vacation.

Monday, January 3—School reopens.

Friday, January 7—Fourth school month closes. (80 days taught.)

Friday, January 21—First semester closes. (90 days taught.)

Monday, January 24—Second semester opens.

Friday, February 4—Fifth school month closes. (100 days taught.)

Friday, March 4—Sixth school month closes. (120 days taught.)

Friday, April 1—Seventh school month closes. (140 days taught.)

Thursday, April 14—School closes for Easter vacation.

Tuesday, April 19—School reopens.

Tuesday, May 3—Eighth school month closes. (160 days taught.)

Friday, May 27—School closes for Memorial day.

Tuesday, May 31—School reopens.

One day for circus in May.

Thursday, June 2—Ninth school month closes. (180 days taught.)

SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

On September 10 the School Board of the Westmont and Upper Yoder School Districts held their regular monthly meeting, at which meeting an appropriation was voted to maintain all branches of athletics for the entire year in the high school.

By the ruling of the Health Department of Pennsylvania, a doctor and nurse must be provided for every section. Instead of the doctor and nurse coming every other year as heretofore, they will visit the school once a year. The doctor, who will visit our school will be Doctor Tomb.

**HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

Seniors .....	43
Juniors .....	43
Sophomores .....	49
Freshmen .....	72
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>207</b>



EXCHANGES

Closely associated with the news of our school is the news of other high schools because those things that other schools are doing may offer many constructive suggestions to us. We have, therefore, an exchange department in "The Gossip," the object of which is to secure exchanges from schools all over the country.

The Exchange Department of "The Gossip" has grown considerably during the past year and we trust that it will grow with the paper itself each year. Great effort will be made to improve that part of our paper during the ensuing school term.

We deeply regret that we cannot give, in this month's issue of "The Gossip," a review of those points of interest and of those helpful ideas from other schools that were previously mentioned in this article. This was impossible because, as yet, we have no recent exchanges on hand.

If we are to succeed in this exchange program, we shall need your assistance. Members of the staff can help by coming to Room 208 and reading the exchanges that are sent to us by other high schools, and by making helpful suggestions concerning the improvements of this particular department or any other department of the paper. The student body can also help. If, in reading the exchange column of "The Gossip" you become interested in a certain school and would like to learn more of it and its activities, the Exchange Editor will be glad to comply with your requests in as much as she is able. Remember co-operation pays, and work with us in building up our Exchange Department.

BIOLOGY CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The Biology Club under the supervision of Miss Elsie Canan has started its work for the year. Of this club Mary Frances Tarr is President; Jane Tarr, Vice President, and Herbert Raab, Secretary and Treasurer.

JINGLE JAR

Teacher—Robert, how was iron first discovered?  
Bob Gray—My father said they smelt it.

\* \* \*  
Mr. Belles was teaching a class in Algebra when he exclaimed—"Look at all the hypothenuses we have in this room," pointing to pupils who were slouching in their seats.

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She—I must say that that sounded fine coming from a man of your ilk.  
He—Say, I'm not an Elk; I'm a Mason.

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J. Faunce—"What a good grape fruit!"

Bob C.—"That's a lemon that was given a chance and took advantage of its opportunity."

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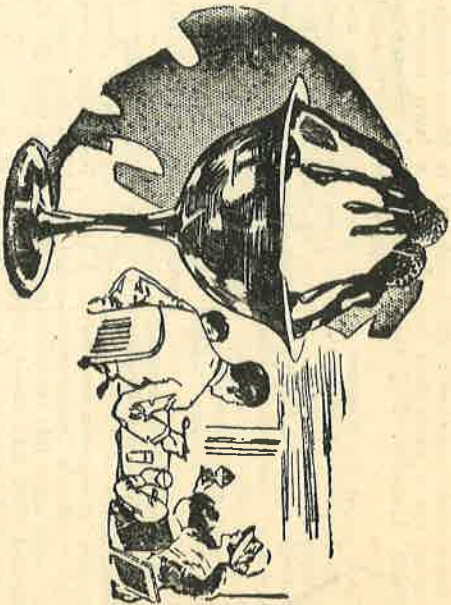
He—They tell me rubber tires. She—"That's why it stretches, you dumb bell."

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Fond Parent—How are you making out with the teachers, son?  
Son—Fine, no words have passed between us yet.

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"There are too many students in high school these days."  
"Too many what?"

FOOTBALL CALENDAR—1926

Sept. 25—Cochran Jr. High School	Home
Oct. 2—Dale High School	Home
Oct. 9—Derry High School	Home
Oct. 15—Ferndale High School	Home
Oct. 23—Institute	
Oct. 31—Conemaugh High School	Away
Nov. 7—Cresson High School	Home
Nov. 12—Central Jr. High School	Away
Nov. 20—Ebensburg High School	Away
Nov. 25—Alumni	Home



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