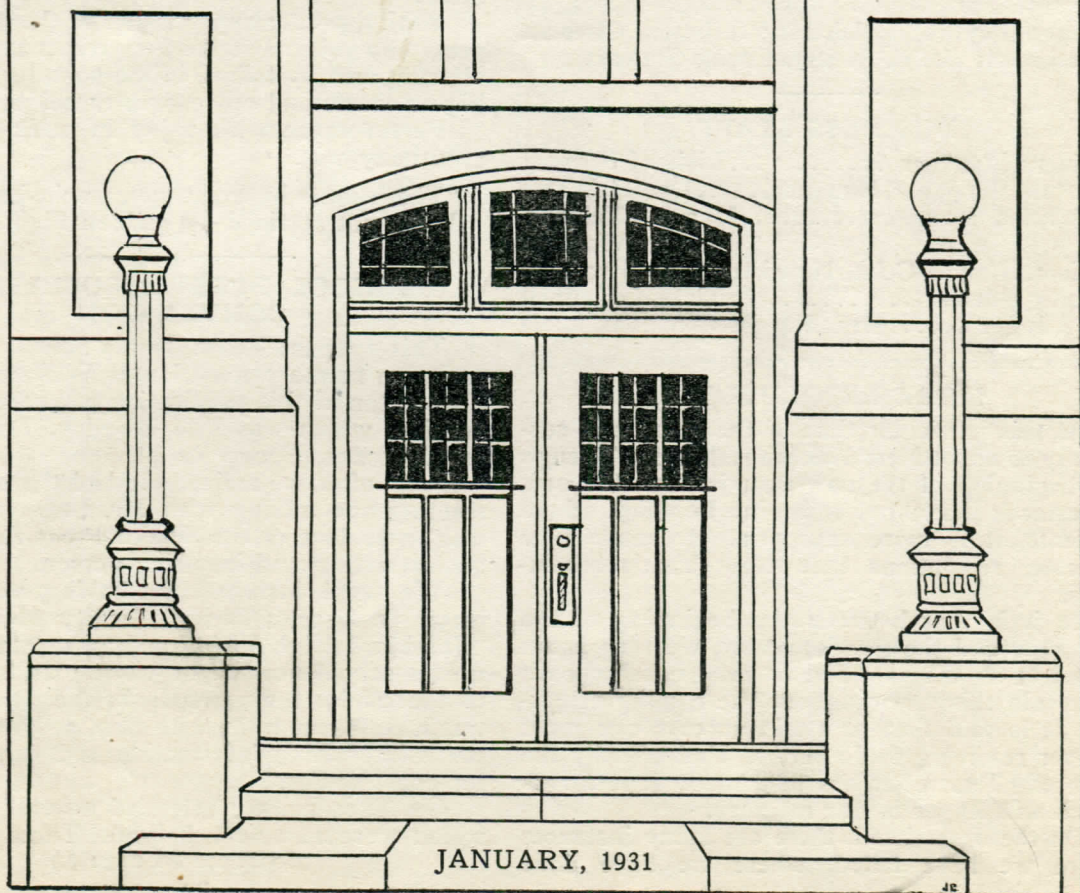


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MORE RESOLUTIONS

At this particular time of the year, it is customary to adopt New Year's resolutions. Though the beginning of the new year is past, the new semester is just about to begin. For high school students, it is more appropriate to make new semester resolutions than New Year's resolutions.

So it is that between the beginning of the new year and the new semester, we turn again to reflect on the past and to resolve to improve in certain things throughout the coming semester. It is said that to attain success one must be ever resolving to do better. Undoubtedly the past school semester has held many joys for us which will linger in our memory.

On the other hand, there are many instances where we have failed, where we have done

wrong; times when we were disappointed. These minor disappointments grow in memory and the more serious of our offenses cause us many gloomy moments. Surely this is a hindrance. Our past should keep us from making the same mistakes the second time. We should profit by experience without allowing ourselves to become morose because of them.

Let us then "Ring out the old, ring in the new—Ring out the false, ring in the true."

There is another type of memories that is often a hindrance to us. If we gloat over former success and achievement, we often find that our past is no guarantee of our future.

Let us profit by our past, that we fall not again into the same pits of misfortune; that we may forget the failure of the past, and not become over-confident because of former achievement.

With a proper appreciation of the past, let us press onward and strive for greater attainments. Unhampered by failure in the past, let us choose higher ideals and crave greater heights.

Perseverance with a joy in one's tasks will eventually win.

"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight."

SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

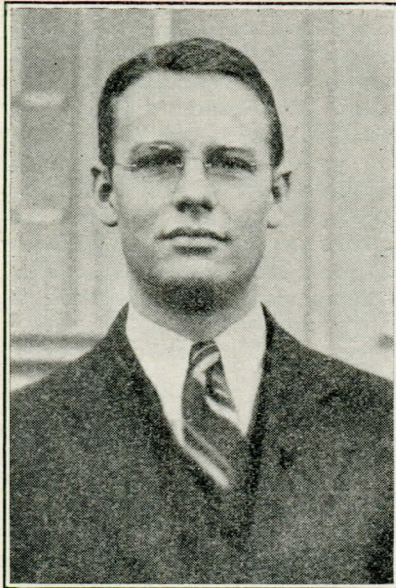
This year the Pennsylvania School Press Association held a convention at Williamsport, Pa. The editor of this publication attended the convention, which was held Monday, December 29, and Tuesday, December 30.

Soon after we arrived we had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Mr. Lambert Greenawalt, president of the School Press Association, an interesting and inspiring person.

We were fortunate in having as a roommate Mr. Charles Troxall, faculty adviser of the "Frankford High Way," and an outstanding figure in school newspaper work. He had charge of the clinics for newspapers the next day. It was a real treat to be with him, and we obtained much interesting information and valuable help for our "Yodler."

On Tuesday, we attended several addresses which were also very helpful. These addresses

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Our New Supervising Principal

Have you ever noticed a tall man sitting on the football bench between the coaches very enthusiastic over the game; or the same tall man on the basketball bench equally interested? Sometimes this man comes into our assemblies to give us talks. Sometimes he visits our classes and listens while we recite. We see him around the halls speaking to all, slighting none. By this time I suppose you know whom this is all about. —Mr. Sharp.

There is very little to tell about him because he has already made himself well known to all. The football or basketball players know his athletic side—the scholars know his educational side. Some do not know him as well as others, but everyone who knows him the least bit, knows him as a good sport and a generally good fellow.

Naturally he is interested in boys, and if we look we can find him at father-son banquets, in the scout troop, and at all other events in Westmont. Of course this does not mean that he is not interested in girls. He watches their work

just as carefully as that of the boys and is always ready to help them out in any way possible. If you don't know him, meet him, and if you already know him, better your acquaintance with him.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL

That Westmont-Upper Yoder High School is outstanding is known to everyone. However, the fact that our school is rated as a class B high school in respect to enrollment may not be known to all of us. By having a total enrollment of 277 students, we have surpassed the mark of 250, which is required for a school to have a class B standing. It may seem a rather peculiar circumstance that our 277 students are so evenly divided that there are only 11 more girls than there are boys, the number of each being 143 and 132 respectively. Another outstanding situation is that the number of *Humble* Freshmen is almost three times that of their fellow-students, the dignified Seniors, for in our school there are exactly 43 Seniors, composed of 20 boys and 23 girls; while the freshman class consists of 112 students, 45 of them being boys and 64 being girls. Although the sophomore class is the only one in the school that can boast the distinction of having more boys than girls, still it must face the danger of ill-fortune continually, for the boys outnumber the girls by 13. The total enrollment of the class is 75, with 44 boys and 31 girls. The junior class is divided 50-50, having 25 girls and 25 boys.

There are two chief curricula offered in our school, and a third minor course of study called general. More than half of the students of our school, in fact 151 of them, have chosen the academic course of study.

The other course in which 121 students are interested is the commercial. Perhaps in the next issue we will yodel about the subjects in these courses and the number of students taking each.

"I have lived to know that the secret of happiness is never to allow your energies to stagnate."

There is no place in life for any person, object, condition, or institution that is lopsided. The over-emphasis of any one thing generally results in chaos. With this general theory in mind, we are endeavoring to raise the standards of our athletics, the standards of our academic endeavors, and the standards of our social interests to a higher plane. Not any one of these three should be over-stressed in our schools, but each has its important place in the education of today.

We hope to have winning athletics teams, honor students, and pupils capable of taking a high place in the rival organizations of our community. With these ends in view, we are

all putting forth an unusual effort to add to the already splendid record of the Westmont Upper Yoder High School.

It is very important that the students who are in our high school and those who enter next year give much thought to the type of course which they intend to pursue. If the student has intention to go to college, it is well for him to select the college before he enters high school. It is important that the requirements for entrance to this college be prepared for during the high school years.

E. Preston Sharp.

GIRLS' CLUB

Thanks to the Freshman Class for the large increase in the Girls' Club this year! They now have a membership of one hundred and thirty-five. Thus far, the girls have been very coöperative; which is always necessary in the success of a good club.

Two excellent talks have been given to the club this year. Miss McGann's sister, Mrs. Chester R. Leiber, related some interesting incidents and facts about her trip to the Far East, particularly Burma.

Miss Haggard, the Girl Reserve Secretary, spoke about her pleasure in working with a Girl Reserv Club in Belgium.

A class was conducted at the Y. W. C. A. for the purpose of supervising the girls from different clubs in learning how to make silver bracelets, dolls, paint scarfs, and other interesting articles. It is hoped by the majority of the members that the club devote a large part of the remaining time to the art of handicraft.

SOPHOMORE CLASS ORGANIZED

We have news that the sophomores have already organized their class. They have elected for their President Frank Howells, and for Vice-President Mary Louise Walker. They have also chosen Charles Miller for Secretary, and Sarah Margaret Jones for Treasurer.

Mr. McIlroy has consented to act as class adviser for the year. They have arranged to hold monthly meetings. The class has elected its representative to the Student Council and has considered the important matter of dues.

Organized earlier than any other class, this class of '33 is quite promising, as they have already settled down to business.

BOYS' CLUB REPORTS

INTERESTING PROGRAMS

Mr. Tomb and Hamer Wagner have succeeded in getting some very interesting programs for the Boys' Club this year. Stress will be put on vocational guidance during 1930-31. The main topics considered are: Do you suit the occupation you have chosen? Does the occupation suit you?

Interesting talks have been given already this year by Miss McGann, Mr. Sharp, Mr. English from the Associated Gas and Electric Company, Mr. Osborne, bacteriologist from the Johnstown Water Company, and Mr. Traugh from the Y. M. C. A. On January 15, we heard a very interesting talk by Mr. Hershberger, formerly of the U. S. Forestry Bureau. He gave us an entirely new conception of forestry work in all its many branches.

The music furnished by Dick Stewart and his orchestra has been appreciated very much by the Boys' Club and we hope that we will hear more of them at each meeting.

NEWS OF MISS CORWIN

At the close of school last June, one of our teachers of English left us and went to Boulder, Colorado. Several times students or members of the faculty have heard from her and written to her, but we have now heard that she has been ill.

Most of us have had pleasant experiences with Miss Margaret H. Corwin. For two years she taught English at our high school. In that comparatively short time, we came to know her as an English teacher with few equals, for through her efforts many of us learned to like what formerly was a dry subject, "English." We came to know her and like her for a personality that welcomed each pupil as a friend.

Miss Corwin is at present in Boulder, Colorado, where she is convalescing from an illness. As a sign that, though she has left us, she is not forgotten, the junior class voted that each class-member write her a letter. This has been done, and the letters have been sent. We hope they bring her some comfort and cheer, as they are representative of the spirit of the school.

As she was formerly faculty adviser of this paper, the staff wishes to remember her by this article. And we are sure that we are expressing the opinion of the whole student body in inviting Miss Corwin to return to our high school if she can after recovering from her illness.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

With Miss Esenwein as faculty adviser, our junior class got under way by electing our class officers. Mark Marshall was elected President; Elizabeth Kyler, Vice-President; Virginia Eckel, Secretary; and Robert McGahan, Treasurer. However, when our Treasurer left us, we chose Albert Stock, who filled the same capacity last year.

The great subject of interest to us juniors in November and December was the class rings. A committee selected from a number of rings the two they thought seemed best. We, as a class, then voted on these. After having our ring sizes taken, we hopefully awaited their arrival, which took place the week before Christmas vacation. Confidentially we have heard some people say that these rings are the best looking our school has yet had. And of course we agree that they are.

Our latest project is the junior class play. A committee has been selected to choose a suitable play. Miss Margaret Greer kindly talked to us at our last class meeting about the different types which we could give. So in the near future if you see some one blossom forth as a murderer, a colonial person, or some such character, be not afraid—it will only be a junior.

Tarry: I see you're writing your notes in red ink now.

Ronney: No, this is just one Miss O'Connell picked up by mistake and corrected.

LITERARY

RECENT INTERESTING ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, December 22, a Christmas cantata and tableau was given. It was very simple yet extremely artistic, the "Star of Bethlehem" being the outstanding feature on the program. A very well sung cantata, "The Wondrous Story," was given by the Girls' Choral Club. The costumes were colorful, yet in harmony with the play. It was greatly enjoyed by the faculty, the pupils, and parents and friends of the pupils.

On Friday, January 9, Dr. Crawford of the Junior College gave a very interesting talk on present tendencies of college organizations. Dr. Crawford said he was sorry that his subject did not apply directly to high schools, but hoped the talk would be valuable since many of us would soon be thinking of college.

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

A Student Viewpoint

Education—what does it mean? By education we mean the formation of manners.

Education for children extending from the primary grades through the university, constitutes America's noblest contribution to civilization. No child should be deprived of his education or his degree of mental advancement.

Either through negligence or because of unfortunate circumstances, which might be overcome, there are a great many children who do not receive the free preparation for their life's work to which they are entitled.

This condition demands the solicitude of all patriotic citizens. It involves not only the persons concerned but also the nation itself, for the welfare of the country depends upon the intelligence of those who vote for the government officials of the United States.

Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Franklin suggest a type of citizenship, leadership, scholarship, statesmanship, ability, and character, and they became such men through education.

There is no citizen who does his work well or lives his life fruitfully and happily who cannot be said to be well educated.

We, the people of today, should appreciate the fact that we have first-class schools within walking distance from any section of the country.

Would we like to go back to the times when children walked miles to school and studied with poor lights, and yet these children really and truly appreciated the value of Education.

Years and years of study may fit a man to practice medicine or dentistry, but no man can say, "I know it all."

Annamae Hoff, 1932.

THE D. A. R. ESSAY CONTEST

This year the annual D. A. R. essay contest was open to the junior and senior classes. The theme entitled "Our Puritan Legacy" was to contain from three hundred to five hundred words. The material for these themes was to have been obtained from any reference books. Most pupils wrote of our heritage in one of the three topics of education, religion, or government; however, some developed in general the legacy that the stern Puritan Fathers bequeathed to us. The material having been compiled and studied, though out of class, the themes were written in the English classes without notes.

The contest was held in the first part of December. The winners were announced in the assembly, December 19, by Mrs. Dicky of the D. A. R. The first award, a gold medal, was claimed by Frank Bracken, a senior. The second award, a silver medal, went to Agnes Sobditch, also a senior. Honorable mention was received by Sara Elizabeth Dodson, a senior, and William Kintner, a junior.

We were privileged to hear the first and second prize winners read their essays. The subject was very well developed by both.

Though the subject was a difficult one to do justice to, we can rightly imagine that these four were not the only good essays written. Thanks are extended to all who spent time in writing essays which achieved no mention, for they made possible the contest, to say nothing of the value to themselves.

The high school very much appreciates the D. A. R.'s work in sponsoring such contests, as they incite enthusiasm in essay writing besides arousing a desire for knowledge about the chosen subject.

With our school active in athletics, it is also showing an increasing enthusiasm and rivalry in scholastic contests, and our hats are off to the winners: Frank Bracken and Agnes Sobditch.

OUR GOAL

Sometimes we get discouraged
And think, "Oh, what's the use?"
Then when we meet with failure,
We make a flimsy excuse.

Instead of working things alone,
We are inclined to depend
Upon somebody else to help;
But then we lose in the end!

If we keep working toward the top,
And do our very best,
We'll have no cause to be afraid
When we come to meet the test.

Although the road is long and hard,
We'll not give up nor stop;
But we'll keep working toward our goal,
For there's always room at the top!

George W. Statler.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FOOTBALL FIELD DELAYED BY WINTER

Noise, noise, and more noise! Steam shovels and trucks behind the school have for several months vied with each other to make the more noise. From the sound of things, both types of machinery have made enough noise to drown out the sound of the teachers' voices.

"Blow, blow thou winter's wind; thou art not so unkind—," for you drove away the noise-makers. Hampered by the winter weather, they have delayed work till spring.

But if we finish the above quotation—"Not so unkind as man's ingratitude"—we seem ungrateful to our school board. It was they who voted to buy the large tract of land behind the school, they who have started the construction of a new football field.

Just look at that field behind the school and then try to find someone who does not appreciate what the school board has done. You'll not find anyone, because we all realize that next year we'll have the best football field we could hope for. And besides, there's to be a quarter-mile track around it. We will have a home field to be proud of as well as a victorious football team.

Noise, yes, and plenty of it, but just wait till next year, when we show how happy we are to have the new field by turning out "en masse." And on the new field, we'll show those steam shovels that we can drown them out by our cheering.

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 19—Blairsville	At home
Dec. 23—Southmont	Away
Jan. 6—Blairsville	Away
Jan. 9—Dale	At home
Jan. 13—Adams Twp.	Away
Jan. 16—Conemaugh	At home
Jan. 19—Ferndale	Away
Jan. 27—Dale	Away
Jan. 30—Ferndale	At home
Feb. 5—Beall H. S.	Away
Feb. 6—Alleghany H. S.	Away
Feb. 13—Adams Twp.	At home
Feb. 17—Southmont	At home
Feb. 19—Conemaugh	Away
Feb. 27—Alleghany H. S.	At home
Mar. 6—Beall H. S.	At home

BOYS' VARSITY SUCCESSFUL

Thus far in the season, the red and gray cage team has been victorious in all games played. When ten men dressed in red sweat suits with gray trimming and with "Westmont-Upper Yoder" printed on the back of the jerseys flash across the floor, the enthused crowd invariably cheers. The appearance of the team has been a drawing card to all games. The people who have seen this team in action have not been disap-

pointed. The players have combined swiftness and accuracy to form an unbeaten team.

Skill and teamwork thus registered a victory for us in our first game. The red and gray steadily pulled away from Blairsville on our high school floor and left them on the short end of a 31-11 score.

Southmont fell an easy prey and Westmont-U. Y ran up the score to 40-6.

The hilltoppers went to Blairsville to hand them their second defeat 27-18.

Dale was next to suffer defeat at the hands of Westmont-U. Y. They were set back by a 48-15 score.

Though the team was not at its best, it succeeded in overcoming Adams Township on Adams' own floor by a 49-31 score.

In a game packed with thrills the varsity basketball team overcame Conemaugh, Friday night, by the slender margin of 29-28. The losers held a big lead at the start but were unable to hold it once the Engh-Wolf protégés got under way.

The preliminary was equally thrilling, with the reserves topping Joseph Johns Junior High by a 19 to 18 score.

Monday night the team won an even greater victory over the traditional rival, Ferndale. This game showed better form on the part of both teams than was the case in the Conemaugh tilt. Helenko, Ferndale football flash, came through with a beautiful long shot to tie the score at 29-29, just as the regular playing time ended. In the extra period Kunkle bagged a field goal and Kindya a foul to win the game, 32-29. The entire team played heads-up ball and showed the best form since the season started.

In an unusually fast girls' game, the girls' varsity defeated the Ferndale girls by a 17 to 15 score in the preliminary.

School Press Association Convention

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were given by faculty advisers and editors of nationally known school papers throughout the state.

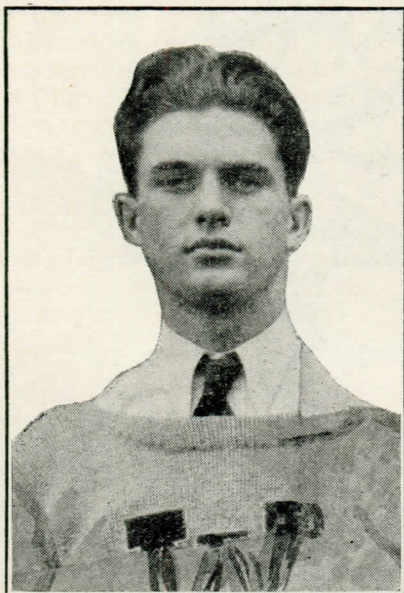
In the opinion of various persons at the convention, "The Yodler" ranks very high among papers from schools of similar size.

We not only enjoyed the trip very much, but also profited by it, and since then have been working on suggested improvements for our school paper. This month, we have succeeded in publishing some very recent news as a result of the convention.

We hope that finances will permit future editors to represent our school newspaper at the state conventions. It will be money well spent.

"Man was born for two things, thinking and acting."

"No really great man ever thought himself so."



MARK MARSHALL

In speaking of a triple threat man one thinks of football, but the junior class lays claim to a new type of triple threat man. He excels in grid-iron generalship and playing; basketball playing and junior class leadership. The class of '32's bid for fame is none other than Mark Marshall, better known as "Tags."

In the fall we found "Tags" out on the grid-iron playing a fast, heady game of football. For the last three years he has held down an end position on the varsity so that now he ranks with the best ends in the district. Mark had the honor of captaining the undefeated team of the season just ended.

Football is not the only sport in which we find him playing an active part. If we would look back in the records we would find that "Tags" has been a regular in basketball for the last three years. In basketball "Tags" has proved to be even more consistent than in football. His shooting, passing and all-around floor work has made him one of the main cogs in the team's offense.

Now we find "Tags" in a new role as class president. Though this is somewhat different from his other accomplishments he is fast proving his ability as a class leader. He proved his right to this office by the capable manner in which he handled the buying of the class rings. Fortunately Mark will be with us next year and the whole school is wishing him success.

At present, Charles Kunkle is our leaping center. Jack Hannan, a guard, is playing co-captain with "Kunk." Our other varsity guard is "Hamie" Wagner. "Mike" Kindya is a forward. "Hamie" and "Mike," though two of our best players, will end their basketball career for us on January 27. Their loss will undoubtedly be a set-back. Mark Marshall will be our remaining forward.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Girls' basketball got under way January 2. The Girls' Varsity registered its first triumph over the Alumnae aggregation. The final score was 51-20.

On January 9, the Varsity met the Girls' Varsity of Dale. Dale proved to be an easy prey for Westmont. When the final whistle blew we found Westmont to be decisive victors, 46-6.

The toughest game of the season was played on the Adams Township floor January 13. Last year Adams defeated our team 35-16. Not so this year. Adams held the lead throughout the game, but Westmont wasn't far in the rear. Adams was victorious 21-18.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 27—Dale	Away
Feb. 6—Conemaugh	At home
Feb. 13—Adams	At home
Feb. 19—Conemaugh	Away
Mar. 13—Ferndale	At home

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Elsie Minchau—F.	Louise Kyler—G.
Charlotte Brickner—F.	Agnes Sobditch—G.
A. M. Schneehage—C.	Virginia Eckel—S. C.

The forwards, Minchau and Brickner, did some very brilliant playing which was shown in the first two games. Thelma Alexander and "Babe" Hannan also helped the score along. Our guards, Kyler and Sobditch, show great co-operation and certainly do keep the opponents' score down. Then there are the sub-guards, Swank and Berney and "Dot" Alexander, Berkeley and Bowers. We are sure we could not get along without them. But who could out-jump our center, "Schnee"? Swank, too, is a good center. Let us not forget our side-center, Eckel. She certainly is fast and keeps the ball going in the right direction.

THE FOOTBALL BANQUET

The football banquet was a great success from the start. There were a hundred and twenty-five people there who enjoyed eating good food, hearing good music, and hearing good speakers.

Dr. Scharmann was the toastmaster. Dr. Nicely, the principal speaker, talked of the qualities it requires to play football.

"Hamie" Wagner then received his trophy from "Pat" Malloy, sports editor of the "Johnstown Democrat." "Hamie" thanked everyone, including Mr. Malloy.

Coach Engh gave a short talk in which he praised each of his players, especially commending "Tags" Marshall for his work as captain.

Thirteen men were given their certificates for letters. Mr. Sharp commended the team on their scholastic standing. This concluded the program.



Betty K.: Can you dance on one foot?

Hartz: Of course.

Betty: Then keep off my other one.

Mac Read: Ask me a question and I'll give you a joke for an answer.

Louise: What's your name?

Foy (Years from now): You haven't mended these socks.

Wee: Did you buy that coat you promised me?

Foy: No.

Wee: If you don't give a wrap, I don't give a darn.

Barret: I want a couple of pillow cases.

Clerk: What size?

Barret: I don't know, but I wear a size seven hat.

Shomo: What's the date, Mr. Tomb?

Mr. Tomb: Never mind the date; the examination is more important.

Shomo: Well, I wanted something right on my paper.

Stiffie: I don't think I should get zero on this paper.

Wolf: Well, I don't either, but that's the lowest I could give you.

Mr. McIlney: I am a man of few words.

Mr. Ott: I know. I'm married, too.

Miss O'Connell: Name a great universal time saver.

Tags: Love at first sight.

Betty: What animal makes the nearest approach to man?

Wag.: The cootie.

Miss Gray (After Bailey had rendered a selection): Well, what do you think of his execution?

Kunk: I'm in favor of it.

Miss Esenwein: How did you become such a great orator?

Hartz: I began by addressing envelopes.

Rosie: I made 100% today.

Chips: You're getting brighter every day.

Rosie: Yes, I made 50% in Shorthand and 50% in Problems of Democracy.

Mrs. Dunkle: Snips, what are you doing?

Snips: Knitting, Mother. I heard Mac say he needed a new muffler for his car, so I thought I'd surprise him.

Senior to Frosh: How many subjects are you carrying?

Frosh: I am carrying one and dragging three.

Malony: What was the greatest war song ever written?

Baloney: "Here Comes the Bride."

Pa: Tim wired that he broke his nose in the football game yesterday.

Ma: Heeh! and what was the score?

Pa: He didn't say.

Ma: Just like Tim. Never thinks of anybody but himself.

Dot: Do you enjoy your new auto?

Mike: It might as well be a milk wagon. The only time the rest of the family don't use it is between 4 and 7 in the morning.

Foy: Pride goeth before a fall.

Wee: Nonsense, I was not in the least proud of the icy sidewalk in front of my house.

Kay: Were you ever engaged to Donald Furbush?

Dodson: Edna, look in my file cabinet under "F" and see if I was.

Abbie: They say the King of Denmark leads a dog's life.

Dave: Of course. He's a great Dane.