

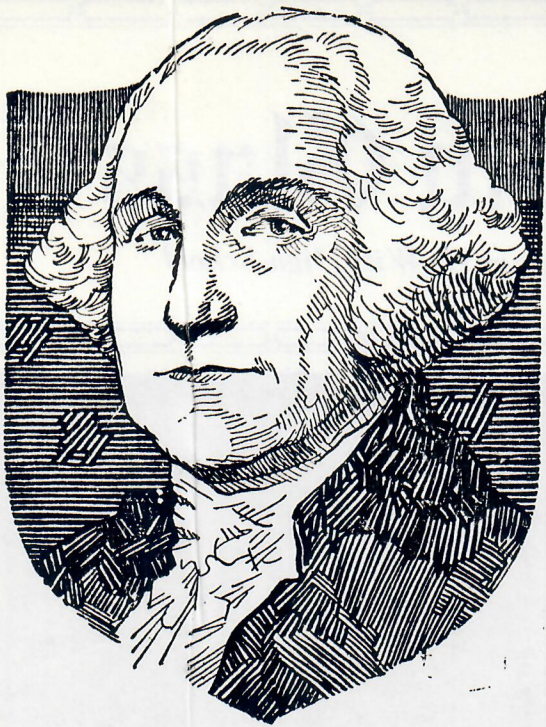
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THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY

Americans will never cease to revere the greatness of Washington. To him Lord Erskine wrote, "I have a large acquaintance with the most valued and exalted class of men, but you are the only human being for whom I have ever felt an awful reverence." It is said of Washington that Providence gave him no children that his countrymen might call him "Father," and for all time he will be enshrined as the Father of the American nation. On February 22 Americans may well recount Washington's greatness and honor his memory.—C. A. Herrick.

DIDJA EVER SEE

Francis Brainerd in a clinch.
Clyde Casada without a girl.
Virginia Cutler without red hair.
Maxine Balluff's chickenpox.
Wiona Farrier without Doris.
Clarence Day wide awake.
Frances Klaver without a smile.
Ruth Marzke without her advertising material.
Doris Stevens day dreaming.
Margaret Tolsdorf with her "hicky".
Evelyn Marsh without a boy friend.
Roy Shaffley in a fight at Laingsburg.
Leah Forwards tall stature.
Gertrude Voisnet ever dumb.
Evelyn Gibson's without something to say.
Virginia Stanton dining with Ruth.
Lorrie Schavey since Evelyn M. has him captured.
Rhoda Reynolds with poor little Max.
Dortha Newman as slim as a rail.

Francis: "My ancestors came over in the Mayflower."

Eleanor: It's mighty lucky for you they did, for the immigration laws are much stricter now."

LIBRARY BOOKS

Here is a list of the books recently added to the library of the second intermediate room:

The Home Book of Verse for Young People.

Fairies and Chimneys.

A Child's History of the World.

The Little Lame Prince.

Jataka Jail.

Earl of the Sun and of the Moon.

Book of Legends.

Sea Shore Book.

Japanese Fairy Book.

Kipling's Just So Stories.

Stories of Pioneer Life.

Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans.

Little John of Toy Valley.

Story of the Pilgrims.

Five Little Strangers and How They Came to Be.

Bobbie: "Daddy what are you going to be when you finish your course?"

Mother: (aside) "An old man."

Teacher: "Tommy, what kind of wheat do they grow in the west.

Tommy: "Buckwheat."

Teacher: "Johnny, what's a turnpike?"

Boy: "I don't know, unless it's some kind of fish."

KINDNESS IS KINGLY

Two professors were returning from the earthquake zone by automobile when their engine broke down. They spent three hours in vain attempts to make repairs, while daylight rapidly faded, and at last had reconciled themselves to sleeping in the fields over night when another automobile approached.

"Can I help you" the driver of the second car said?.

"Yes, but we are afraid you cannot do much. We have worked with the engine for three hours without success," they said.

Throwing aside his coat and hat, and rolling up his sleeves, the friendly young man proceeded to raise the hood covering their engine and to examine the carburetor, magneto and spark plugs. Within ten minutes he had put his finger on the seat of the trouble.

"Try it now," said the good Samaritan motorist, his face and hands smeared with grease. One of the men put his foot to the accelerator and the car started with a rush. In their flight one of the professors suddenly remembered. "We didn't give that fellow a cent for his trouble."

Ten miles farther on the other car caught up with them and the men were amazed to see the whole countryside saluting and bowing in homage to the young man who had extricated them. He was King Boris of Bulgaria.

Believe it and you shall have it.

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Primary Room—Marjorie Brooks, Donovan Ellwanger, Doris Henning, Jean Halterman, Richard Marsh, Elaine Richmond, John Woodruff, Ruth White.



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club is meeting regularly once a week. The time of meeting has been changed from 4:00 p. m. on Wednesday to 10:30 a. m. on the same day, which makes it convenient for every member to be here.

Some of the old songs that were being practiced are replaced by some new ones; namely, "The Bells of St. Mary's," and "Fallen Leaf". The songs are just as pretty as the names say they are, as you will find out when you hear them sung.

The other songs being practiced are, "The Symphony of Night," and "The Big Brown Bear."

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra is improving constantly which is proved by its many opportunities to play. The orchestra meets at 4:00 p. m. every Tuesday and Thursday under the leadership of Mrs. Booth.

There has been an addition of a cello which is played by Miss Leach and another violin played by Doris Griffin. Before long a cornet will take the place of the French horn which is played by Roy Shaffley.

If you want to see anybody interested in music, you should get a peep at the orchestra when it is practicing. Especially now, since the new music has arrived. The new numbers being practiced are, "Ole South" and "On the Hike".



YOU AND A STREAM

Even the tiniest little stream has a course to follow before it reaches its goal, the sea. Each and every stream has a path. In the same way, each and every person has a course to follow before they reach their goal. The two courses are so near alike, when we analyze them separately, that it is hard to distinguish between them. A stream starts from the smallest of sources, and then keeps winding on and on, not keeping track of the path passed over, but seeking new paths and better roads ahead. Humans do the very same thing, but in some instances the past must be recalled and, even again, some people forget and do not try to forge ahead. A stream may have to pass over big falls, carry heavy burdens, or, even, survive through drought. We, as humans, have the same things to do in following the correct course through life. Our duty should lie in doing, to the best of our ability, the work assigned to us. Thus we will keep on the right track and suddenly find ourselves on the bright trail.

School News

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

A slight change has again been made in the seating arrangement in efforts to eliminate the noise and other disturbances.

The room's youngest pupil, Maxine Balluff, is again back in school after being absent for one and a half weeks because of the chickenpox.

Evelyn Gibson, staff reporter, is out of school because of illness. Everyone in the room, especially the masculine part of the tenth grade, is counting the days when she may return.

Several of the boys found ways to go to the college at East Lansing during Farmers' Week. The hardest is yet to come, for they have to write a theme on what they saw.

Mr. Kleinert, Ruth Marzke, Rhoda Belle Reynolds, Francis Klaver and Francis Brainerd made a business trip to St. Johns.

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GRAMMAR ROOM

The Eighth Grade has been studying "Snow-Bound".

Doris Griffin is a new student in the Seventh Grade.

Last Wednesday the Eighth Grade visited Michigan State College. They were especially interested in the live stock exhibits.

The Eighth Grade is making Agriculture notebooks.

The percentage of attendance for January was 96.3.

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SECOND INTERMEDIATE ROOM

Doris Seyfried began school in this room February 10th. Previously she had attended Walnut Street School Lansing.

Those neither tardy nor absent the last school month are: Howard Courtland, Beth Davis, Gaylord Klaver, Vincent Moon, Virginia Neve, Mary Reed, Thelma Wilton, Fay Ellyn Cutler, Thaddius Grub, Bobby Hammand, La Verne Leonard, Kenneth Neve, Donald Norris, A. B. Peltier, Mary Ryckman, Bobby Schultz, Donald Schultz, Jean Balluff, Russell Janz, Earl Klaver, Helen Krass, Jean Marsh, Edna Ribby, Eugene Rivett, William Schavey, Rowella Schultz, Levis Sibley, June Stampfly, Lillian Stanton, Charles Surratt and Bertha Tolksdorf.

Jean Balluff is ill with chickenpox.

The boys and girls and teacher greatly appreciate the new arrangement of grades for it gives time to carry on many phases of work more carefully.

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FIRST INTERMEDIATE ROOM

The third and fourth grades are enjoying the
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CLASS PLAY

Listen closely, it's a secret. The High School room is giving a regular play this year instead of an operetta.

The name of the play and who the characters are have not, as yet, been told, but we heard it was a comedy to be given in three acts and that Miss Leach would be doing the directing.

The operetta that has always been given by the High School pupils will be given by the lower grades.

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SOMETHING NEW

The Freshman Class is also a very interested class right now. After passing their first semester in Civics, they are now taking up a new subject for the last semester in the place of Civics. The new book is called, "Planning a Career," by Smith and Blough. It has proven, so far, to be very interesting. It gives a full discussion of nearly all the occupations that a student would be interested in. It will most likely help the students of De Witt High School in planning a career for themselves. It is foreseen that this new subject will do much good for the boys and girls.

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SEAL REPORT

Residents of De Witt bought \$21.38 worth of Christmas seals this year, according to the report of E. J. Kleinert, local seal sale manager.

Funds raised in the Christmas seal sale are used by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association to publish two health periodicals, "Michigan Out-of-Doors" and the "Wolverine Health Bulletin," distribute posters and informational pamphlets, conduct free chest clinics, provide health service in the schools, and continue the many other health activities necessary to the modern anti-tuberculosis campaign.

Christmas seals financed the appearance here last year of "Princess Watassa," a member of the staff of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association who teaches health to children by means of Indian lore.

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FARMERS' WEEK

Over 7,500 people consisting of farmers, merchants and townfolk visited the campus of the Michigan State College. On the grounds were exhibits of farm machinery, cattle, sheep, horses, exhibits in chemistry laboratory, agricultural building and economics building. The main features were at night—horse pulling contest, state band played, exhibits of nearly all farm crops. The boys of De Witt High went over at noon, Thursday 9th, taking in everything: observing the stock parade, the tools and flasks in the chemistry laboratory, the machines, engines and pumps in the Engineering building.

PUPILS ENJOY HIGH SCHOOL PARTY

What fun! The young people of De Witt expressively thank Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Schavey and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker for the party given them at the Masonic Temple Saturday evening, February eighth.

During the first part of the evening a number of the people played cards. At about 9 o'clock Mr. Kruse came and then everyone danced. About 11 o'clock refreshments were served. Every one went home tired from dancing, but happy.

VALENTINE'S DAY

It only comes once a year and so every one did their best to make their friends happy. The De Witt School did its share. In the intermediate and primary rooms, names were exchanged, the girls receiving boys' names and vice versa.

In the other two rooms no names were exchanged, but that doesn't mean there were no valentines. For last Friday morning several students saw Lorrie Schavey slip a large white envelope into Evelyn Marsh's desk. The debonair Clyde Casada went to great trouble by purchasing a lovely valentine for the sweet Miss Marzke, sometime ago. However Clyde learned quite a lesson from this sad experience, for when February 14 rolled around Clyde and Ruth were not on very good terms. Too bad.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

The De Witt school held an interesting program in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

Every child in the school gave some story or important event in Abraham Lincoln's life. Also one of the children gave a good account of Lincoln's boyhood. They told all about his home and parents and about his education.

Most of Lincoln's education which he obtained was from books which he borrowed and read.

They also told how fair Lincoln was in his dealings with the people.

PUPILS HAVE HOLIDAY

Boys and girls who are attending school in De Witt enjoyed a holiday Wednesday, February 12, while the teachers attended the annual mid-winter institute held in the auditorium of the Rodney Wilson High School at St. Johns.

Two speakers of exceptional ability gave the addresses of the day. Dr. Arthur H. Harrop of Albion College spoke in the morning on "The Teacher in a Crisis," and in the afternoon on "Life's Electives". The other speaker, Mr. Frederick Snyder, New York journalist, spoke on "The Lie About Tomorrow" and "Keeping Ahead of the Headlines." Miss Mattie Smith, Commissioner of Schools, acted as chairman of the program. The St. Johns High School orchestra played several selections at the opening of the afternoon session.

Maxine (recuperating from an illness) was sitting on the front porch. A neighbor passing asked, "How are you feeling this morning, Maxine?"

"Well," she said, "I don't feel as good as I would if I could."

VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A box social will be held at the Community Church, Friday, Feb. 21, at eight o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. V. P. Jackson, who has been doctor of this village for the past seven years, will move his office to Bath.

The Farmers' Club will hold their next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jenkins, March 6.

The Larkin Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at the home of Mrs. Henry Ryckman.

Notice to all fathers and their sons. There will be a Father and Son banquet at the Community Church, March 21, at 7:30.

WANTED—PHONOGRAPH

Mrs. Booth is sending a distress call to tell the need of a victrola in the new schoolroom, in order that music may be taught in these grades. Does anyone in the community happen to have an old phonograph which is not of any use to them? If anyone does have one, Mrs. Booth would appreciate it very much if you would lend it to her for use in the primary room.

INTERESTING P.-T. A. PROGRAM BROADCAST OVER D. H. S.

Those present at the P.-T. A. meeting Tuesday night were entertained with a very interesting program broadcast from Station D. H. S. The program was opened by the Merry Makers Orchestra playing from Hotel Aurora. The Children's Hour broadcast from the home studio, began with a reading by Pouit La Chipmunk. This was followed with songs by Carol Eldridge, Helen Krass, and a boys' quartet. The program continued from the educational hour from Station W. K. O. R. at East Lansing. Questions asked by members of the P.-T. A. were answered by Professor Knowitall. The value of Humane Education was discussed by Mrs. Strong, Dean of women. The program then switched to Shreveport where Mr. Henderson gave some good points on how to break up the P.-T. A. While Mr. Henderson was resting Mrs. Henderson gave a nice talk. Turning to Washington, D. C., a very modest senator explained why P.-T. A. dues should be paid. The program closed with the De Witt Symphony Orchestra playing several selections. The program was broadcast through the courtesy of the P.-T. A. and was announced by the famous announcer, Mark Norris.

LAINGSBURG EXTENDS INVITATION

The De Witt High School along with its orchestra and Glee Club are getting to be quite popular. This is the second year of having been invited to Laingsburg's P.-T. A. A nice crowd attended last year and they were very much pleased to hear the program.

Just think of being invited to Laingsburg. And what's more, furnishing part of program for such particular human beings as parents and teachers.

This meeting will be held Monday evening, March 17, at 8:00 o'clock.

De Witt High School wishes to thank Laingsburg very much for the invitation and also promises to do the best it can.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE ROOM

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room with its new furniture and equipment very much.

The Health Nurse visited this room week before last. At that time Kenneth Neve was elected King Vitamin and Eloise Strong, Queen Sunshine.

This month each pupil has a card for daily teeth inspection.

With the help of Mrs. Booth the pupils have learned a new Health Song.

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PRIMARY ROOM

Donald Seijfreid entered the first grade February 10. He came from Walnut Street School, Lansing.

Donavan Ellwanger, Richard Marsh, Donovan Strong and Wayne Norris sang at the P.-T. A. program Tuesday night.

The kindergarten class started "The New Path to Reading" Primer last week.

The pupils and teacher wish to express their thanks to the mothers for making the curtains and the pad.

Pupils having perfect attendance for the past month are: Marjorie Brooks, Arthur Courtland, Merle Ellen Hiatt, Doris Henning, Jean Halterman, Lawson Isham, Vedell Isham, Keith Leonard, Wayne Marsh, Wayne Norris, Sylva Surratt, Donovan Strong, Merlyn Stanton, Bobby Wilcox, Ila Ward and John Woodruff.

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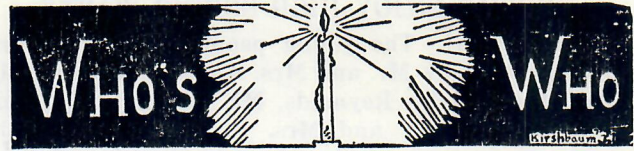
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Although Mr. Knapp, De Witt's oldest resident, prefers short names, he has a very long one. His parents tried to find a name suitable and at last decided on William Henry Harrison. He was named after William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the United States. Mr. Knapp was born in Richmond, New York, Jan. 16, 1836.

At the age of nine he and his parents moved to Michigan. The state was not settled and there were thick forests and many kinds of wild animals here. He became acquainted with the Chippewa Indians and soon was able to speak their language. From Ontario County he and his parents moved to South Riley. Mr. Knapp said that while he was going to school one of his friends ask him to change lunches. When he opened his he only found bread and butter while the one his friend received from him had sandwiches, cake and other articles of food. He never changed lunches after that.

Mr. Knapp taught nine different district schools in South Riley. During this time he married Martha Van Dyke. Later he became supervisor of Riley and kept this office for ten years. After being supervisor he became inspector of schools and held this office for three years. He then became town clerk for two years.

In spite of Mr. Knapp's old age he can read and write without wearing glasses.

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Two small girls were writing different names on the blackboard. One of them wrote Brown. Her companion said, "That isn't the way to spell Brown."

"Well, there's different shades of brown, isn't there?"

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