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## Editorial

### HOT LUNCHES

"Wouldn't you enjoy a nice warm lunch at noon?" I direct this question to the pupils of De Witt School, who come from rural districts and who carry with them a cold lunch. The answer I receive to this query is invariably, "Yes," we all know that our work is better done and more easily accomplished after we have had a warm lunch. When it can be had at such small cost, it is almost a crime to be deprived of anything so important to our school work and our well-being.

High School girls usually know how to cook, and if not there is no better time than now for learning. Cocoa, soups and numerous other palatable dishes could be made. When made in quantities, the cost of the food would be very small and could be paid for by those who would buy the lunches. Such bargains as Cocoa at three cents a cup, would not possibly be overlooked by those who enjoy a warm lunch at noon. That is the approximate cost of this food when bought by the students. An oil stove could do the work nicely with the help of a few young cooks from the high school rooms. Therefore let us push a plan such as this, and in doing so increase the number of names on the honor roll.

## School News

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Come on let's work, semester exams are just around the corner, the 24th and 25th, you know! This is no time to rest. Some of students seem to think review time is a period of rest, and take life easy.

Mrs. Frank Booth the music and art teacher of DeWitt School took her glee club, orchestra, and fifth grade music class, to Wacousta's Parent-Teacher Association to give a demonstration on music and art in the schools. Mrs. Booth gave a short talk on the subject besides the program. The DeWitt High School orchestra was invited to play for the Wacousta play that is coming soon.

The high school has two new soccer balls, one for the girls and one for the boys. Here's hoping warm weather is not far away.

Evelyn Welton was the guest of the high school room January 20. The school is open to you; everyone is welcome.

Plans for the school operetta are being made; it will be given by the lower grades only. It will be given in March. Remember it and come. Everybody!

### GRAMMAR ROOM

The seventh grade is reading "Sandy Dac Donald's Man," a story of the Mackinaw fur trade.

The eighth grade will begin the study of agriculture next week. Each student will be expected to carry out some particular project.

The grammar room received a picture for having the largest number present at the lecture given Sunday evening.

### INTERMEDIATE ROOM

The Intermediate Room won the book "Healthyland" given for selling the most Christmas Seals. It has many fine health stories and plays and is used in connection with Hygiene.

Lawrence and Ralph Ward are back in school. They were absent because of chicken-pox.

The boys and girls will be writing their semester examinations Thursday and Friday. The required work has been completed in all the grades with plenty of time for a thorough review.

Recent visitors in the room were several teachers, and Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Kraas, and Mrs. Klaver.

Those neither tardy nor absent are, Howard Courtland, Thelma Welton, Fay Ellyn Cutler, Donald Forward, Bobby Hammonds, La Verne Leonard, Donald Norris, Eloise Strong, Russell Janz, Jean Marsh, Eugene Rivett, Levis Folksdorf.

The percentage of attendance for the last school month was 93.8%.

#### PRIMARY ROOM

Yvonne Du Brueil entered the kindergarten after vacation.

Those having perfect attendance for the month of December were: Jean Halterman, Lawson Isham, Keith Leonard, Richard Marsh, Wayne Norris, Elaine Richmond, Bobby Richmond, Donovan Strong and Merlyn Stanton.

The first Grade A have finished two readers and have read two stories in the Coe and Christie Book One.

Recent visitors in our room were Mrs. Strong and several teachers.

The class will begin work in our new room January 27.

#### THE NEW LIGHTS

There is no excuse for the pupils in this school not to see now. It used to be rather hard to crane ones neck around and see everything but the new lights have been a vast improvement. It is interesting to watch the teachers and janitor play with the switches. Nearly any time you pass by the school house the lights somewhere are being flashed on or off. This seems to be running competition with the old hotel.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF DE WITT PUPILS

The new year was brought in, by the De Witt pupils, with many resolutions. Some of these are: Francis Klaver has resolved to think during the year; Clarence Day, resolved to study; Ruth Marzke resolved not to lend any more pencils to the boys; Dortha Neuman resolved to keep her mind on her studies; Virginia Cutler resolved not to do any unnecessary giggling; Francis Grainard has resolved to stay away from the corners and spend more time around De Witt; and Mrs. Kleinert has resolved to keep his finger-nails manicured the entire year and also not to do any scolding.

#### THE NEW SCHOOL ROOM

A cordial invitation is extended to all persons who are interested in the De Witt Public School and its work to visit the new school room. This room is located in the large building across the street from the Woodman Hall. The Michigan School Service Company is moving the seats in the Primary Room of the main school building to the new room. The new room will be ready for use on Monday the 27th which is the beginning of the second semester. The second and third grade room will have new furniture of which the boys and girls should be very proud. The new teacher, Mrs. Earl Miles, has had experience in the Charlotte and Lansing schools and it is assured that she will make a splendid teacher. This is a decided step forward for the school as each student will receive better attention from his or her teacher because she will have only two grades under her care. Miss Leach

is an exception to this but she will receive help from Mrs. Frank Booth. There are no changes being made in the high school room at present.

#### P. T. A.

The last Parent Teacher Association was held at the school house Tuesday, January 14. A very interesting program was featured, the main object being "Thrift." Music was furnished by the High School Orchestra and the Young Womens String Quartet, after which three original compositions on "Thrift" were read by Ruth Marzke, Roy Shafley, and Leah Forward. The last number of the program was a lantern slide on "The Life of Theodore Roosevelt."



#### High School

Maxine Balluff  
Virginia Cutler  
Leah Forward

Ruth Marzke  
Dortha Newman  
Gertrude Voisnet

#### Grammar Room

Frankie Rose  
Dale Bishop  
Marie Klaver  
Virginia Surratt  
Eleanor Smalley

Francis White  
Ford Schavey  
Thomas White  
Francis Sibley

#### INTERMEDIATE ROOM

Shirley Schavey  
Mary Ryckman  
Jean Balluff  
Nell Perry

Norena Rosson  
Levis Sibley  
June Stamphly  
Bertha Tolksdorf

#### PRIMARY ROOM

Ruth White  
John Woodruff  
Keith Leonard  
Richard Marsh

Elaine Richmond  
Doris Henning  
Donovan Ellwanger  
Marjorie Brooks

#### POET'S CORNER

##### THE LITTLE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

There's a little old schoolhouse  
That stands by the way,  
It is lonely and empty,  
All dusty and gray.

The windows are broken  
And dust is on the floor,  
No merry laughs ringing  
As in days of yore.

The desks are all empty,  
The blackboard is bare.  
The cobwebs lie thickly  
On window and chair.

The doorstep is rotten,  
The path strewn with leaves,  
The swallows all twitter  
From under the eaves.

All men have deserted  
The schoolhouse out there,  
But God watches o'er it  
And nature reigns there.

—Winona Smith, '31, in The School Voice.

# Local Happenings

## VILLAGE NEWS

A thirteen pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Laurits Dunham on Friday, January 17.

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Mrs. Lu Allen and son of Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Forward of this village.

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The store formerly owned by Tucker Bros. is now under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Towne.

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Mrs. Major Lewis, after a long illness passed away at her home on Market street, Wednesday morning, January 22.

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Mr. Fred Hazel, former postmaster of this village passed away, Wednesday morning, January 22 at his home here. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 25th.

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Mr. Bernard Coggans of Lansing, lectured and demonstrated "Cigarette Smoking" at the Community church, Sunday, January 18.

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A Valentine Day dinner will be held at the Community church February 14, by the Ladies' Union.

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The Pathfinder club of the Community church held its monthly social evening at the home of Mrs. Strong, Thursday evening, January 23rd.

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## LET'S PULL TOGETHER

### KNOW YOUR SCHOOL

Are the parents of De Witt and vicinity aware that a very active Parent-Teacher Association meets every second Tuesday evening of each month in the school year? It would not seem so if one should judge by the meager attendance at some of these meetings. When a parent attends one of these meetings three people benefit: the teachers, the parent and the parents' boy or girl. For the P. T. A. is the one medium where parents and teachers can meet on common ground to discuss problems of the school and child training.

The next P. T. A. meeting will be held Tuesday evening, February 11th at 8 o'clock at the school house. The subject of discussion at this meeting will be Character. Besides a musical program by the D. H. S. orchestra. Mrs. Andrew Eldridge, president of the organization promises an interesting program. Lets live up to the motto of the Association. Come to the meeting and Pull Together Always!—E. J. K.

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Clarence D.—"Mr. Kleinert, how can a lady go into a cage with a tiger and not be eaten up?"

Mr. K.—"Why-tr-it's a man eating tiger, I guess."

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Clyde C. (In Lansing for the week end)—"Can you tell me if there are any theaters in this town?"

Miss Information—"Yes sir, there are."

Clyde—"I'm glad of that, I never know what to do with my week end."

Miss I.—"Why not put your hat on it?"



## JOKES

Mr. K.—"What were the two big issues in the last presidential campaign?"

Evelyn G.—"Al Smith and Herbert Hoover."

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Shoe Saleswoman: "What size do you take, madam?"

Virginia C.: "Well, fives are my size, but fives and a half are so comfortable that I wear sixes."

## WHY DO TEACHERS

Why do teachers  
Make us write themes?  
Just to see that  
We work, it seems.  
Why do teachers  
Give us home work?  
Just to see that  
We don't shirk.  
Why do teachers  
Give us tests?  
Gee! How I hate them  
Blame old pests! (Tests, not teachers.)

## FINAL EXAMINATIONS ARE NOW EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS

(Actual extracts from exam. papers.)

1. Question: Give the date, causes and result of the Revolutionary War.

Answer: The Revolutionary War was in 1919. We fought for—We got what we fought for.

2. Question: Name three breeds of dairy cows.

Answer: Three types of dairy cows are: cow, bull and calf.

3. Question: Discuss concentration of industry.

Answer: Concentration of industry is sitting by the fire carving wood.

4. Question: Where does ham and soup bones come from?

Answer: Soup bone comes from a cow's tail and ham comes from the neck of a cow.

5. Question: Give the date for the signing of the Armistice.

Answer: The Armistice was signed in 1921.

6. Question: What is an earthquake?

Answer: An earthquake is where the earth falls in.—Orange and Black, Gillespie, N. H.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

*We invite the people of DeWitt  
and vicinity to come in and get ac-  
quainted.*

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