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GIRLS GLEE CLUB

The girls of the Glee Club held their first meeting, September 12th, at four o'clock at the High School.

The girls elected new officers who are as follows:

Virginia Cutler, president; Margaret Talksdorf, vice president; Rhoda Reynolds, librarian; Virginia Stanton, treasurer; Eleanor Smalley, secretary.

The girls voices were tested by Miss Lenora Mitchell, who is at the head of the club.

GYPSY AUTUMN

Autumn is like a gypsy maid,
With colors bright and gay;
A golden sun that sinks to rest
At the closing of each day.

With a bright gypsy kerchief
Bound tight about her head,
She colors each leaf, with which
She fills sweet summer's bed.

Every rose is gone
And all the stems are brown;
The snow will cover soon,
The bare bushes settled down.

Autumn is what we call
Dead summer's "empty husk,"
Autumn colors paint our sky
When daylight turns to dusk.

Autumn catches at our hearts
We are made to play with her,
And suddenly, so suddenly
The world is lovelier.

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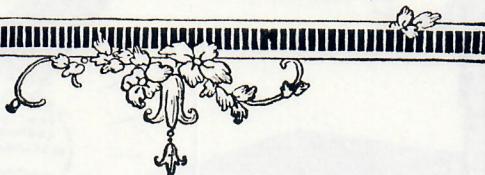
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HAPPINESS

We read of the, "pursuit of happiness." But do we pursue happiness? Not if we are wise. Our happiness depends entirely upon ourselves. We do not pursue it, rather it pursues us, waiting for attention. At home, at work, at school, it makes no difference where we may be, happiness is right beside us. Some people delight, or seem to delight, in making themselves and everyone else miserable.

Here is recipe for Happiness:

Every morning when you rise, throw your troubles to the four winds, cast them entirely aside. Think only of the present, of what you have to be happy over. Think of this song and its truth, "The Best Things In Life Are Free." Is not that statement true? Surely the sun, the moon, the stars, the birds and flowers belong to you as much as to anyone else. And love can come to everyone. Yes, the best things in life are free. And nearly every one has health. What is wealth and fame, compared with home, health, and love?



CARNIVAL

There will be a great time at the school house October 25. The students of the higher grades are going to give a carnival.

The feature play will be held in the high school room; the refreshments in the grammar room; and the sideshows will be held in the primary rooms.

The feature is a one act play presented by the high school students. There will also be an old fashioned quartette.

Miss Wandschneider will have charge of the refreshments.

Miss Leach will be in charge of the program in the high school room.

Miss Jones will be in charge of the side shows.

The money received from this will be used in paying for the lantern used by the 9th and 10th grades. And also for more slides used by the school.

Every body be sure and come or you will miss a world of fun.

P. T. A. ACTIVITIES

The Parent Teachers Association was held at the Masonic Hall, Tuesday, September 10. It was presided over by Mrs. Kraas. Mrs. Eldridge gave a speech welcoming the teachers. Miss Mitchel gave a vocal solo accompanied by Miss Wandschneider. Mr. Kleiner spoke in behalf of the welcoming of the teachers. Mrs. H. Schafley gave a violin solo accompanied by Miss Leach. Mrs. Earl Tucker gave a reading. The program closed by an old fashion quartette consisting of Fred Hazel, Mark Norris, Mrs. McLouth, and Mrs. Wetherel. Refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake.

On October eighth from eight until nine o'clock there will be a demonstration hour at the school house. There will be classes in all four rooms. The nurse, Miss Fariby will give a short talk. All parents are cordially invited.

Ladies notice—Spend none of your time on Lorrie Schavey. He is going to take "Home Ec." and do his own cooking.

HURRY

THERE are few occasions in life that call for hurry. In an ordinary life there are not more than two or three emergencies that call for instant action. The genius of insight and courage is required to deal with them. In the great majority of cases we make a fatal mistake when we suffer the urgency of others or an apparent crisis to lead us into a course of action that has not been carefully considered.

It is remarkable what a capacity things that we consider urgent have for "keeping;" if one is only self-contained and patient enough to let them "keep." A successful business man was famous for his refusal to give immediate decisions upon important questions. To his intimate friends he said, he must sleep over things before he made up his mind. This did not mean that he took them home to worry over them. He let them lie in his mind and germinate before he would decide just what to do. He at least gained the advantage of looking at the matter from different points of view. The point of view often changes the whole aspect of affairs. The men who are in such a hurry that they must make up their minds immediately appear with unusual frequency in the bankruptcy courts.

There is nothing lost by following the sound saying: "If you don't know what to do, do nothing."

TELEPHONE TOO SIMPLE

How scientific men were disappointed with the telephone because it was not a complicated machine is told by Sir Oliver Lodge in a paper before the Institution of Electrical Engineers, printed in *Nature* (London.) We read:

Alexander Graham Bell once said that it was fortunate that he was not a scientifically trained physicist, for if he had been, he would probably have thought that an articulating machine of a simple character was an impossibility. Talking machines had been invented before, but they were very complicated arrangements for producing vocal sounds.

Bell's machine took the sounds emanating from the human voice and sought to reproduce them at a distance by electrical methods.



DREAMS AND FACTS

The idea that fortune is calling us from somewhere else is often about as sound reasoning as the belief that a pot of gold may be found at the end of the rainbow. The real gold is all around us here in this community, but the only way we can get it is to work for it. Wanderers will find that they will have to work just as hard or harder somewhere else.

This community needs men and women who will work, and they will be paid for their work here as well as elsewhere. There is no place beyond the horizon, as some of our young folks seem to think, where fame and fortune are waiting to receive them in open arms.

Ability and industry are necessary before we can be successful anywhere. Why not apply them to our work in the community instead of just dreaming of better conditions in some vague distant place? The rewards are here.

The way in which he found that this could be accomplished was surprisingly simple.

When Clerk Maxwell first heard of the telephone, he pictured it in his mind as some instrument of marvelous ingenuity and constructive skill, as much excelling the siphon recorder as the recorder excelled an electric bell. When it first came over he has described his disappointment at its humble appearance, a disappointment only partially relieved by finding that it was able to talk. In this connection Sir Richard Paget relates how, when Kelvin was staying

with Lord Winchelsea, notice arrived that a talking-machine, sent by Bell, was coming. Lord Winchelsea dispatched the farm wagon to the station to collect it.

A German inventor has designed a huge motor vehicle with all of the comforts of an ocean liner to carry three hundred or more passengers over extensive desert areas.

The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: Be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge.



Mr. Kleinert is back again after spending six weeks at the State Normal at Ypsilanti.

Miss Wandeschneider, who has also had a pleasant vacation at Ypsilanti, is now back.

Miss Jones is as full of pep as ever after a restful vacation at home.

Miss Leach, the primary teacher, who has also been attending summer school at Ypsilanti, is back again.

Miss Mitchell, the new music teacher, is here in place of Miss Eckert who is teaching this year at Constantine. Miss Mitchell's former home was at Quincy. Her work here will be very much appreciated.

We wonder if Mr. Kleinert smelled the sausage on the Graf Zep.

TEN RULES FOR EFFICIENCY

Be inspired by and work for love of work.

Anticipate requirements and develop resources.

Know both sides of the question and eliminate errors.

Master circumstances, recognizing no impediments.

Be courteous ever, permitting reason to modify rule.

Do the right thing, in the right way, at the right time.

Do things better than they were ever done before.

Achieve nothing short of perfection. Know what is to occur, whether it occurs or not.

Be a confirmed optimist; don't worry about what happens, but see that it doesn't—to your people.

To admit a mistake is to do the very least we can to remedy it.

The man who is too wise to learn anything is too foolish to get along well in this world.

Doing what we are told is only valuable when the orders are right.

Much trouble in this world would be avoided if only men would think first and do their talking afterward. If we do our talking first, we shall surely do some very uncomfortable thinking afterward.

The dependable man is a burden-bearer and a load-lifter. He shoulders, in silence, his part of the program, and in doing this makes himself a friend of others and a favorite with those who pay.

Share the burdens of others, and you will lighten your own.

What does your money do for you—with you—to you?

A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city.



Swarms of Locusts in India.

Giant locusts have been invading the countryside in India, states Popular Mechanics, three different swarms having descended upon territory in the Bombay presidency. One "army" was twenty miles long and thirty yards wide. When the insects had settled heavy gunfire was directed upon them but did not dislodge them, and several fertile tracts were devastated. Another swarm was five miles long and half a mile wide.

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The "War Ray."

We read in Youth's Companion that the British government has the secret of an invisible searchlight ray, which will make it impossible for an enemy to carry on military operations at night unobserved, though its source cannot successfully be traced. Mr. John L. Baird is the discoverer of the ray; he is the man who invented the televiser, by which pictures can be broadcast on radio waves.

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New Bird Reservation.

Further protection for wild ducks, geese and other fowl has been assured in a new bird reservation established by the government on two small islands at the junction of the Columbia and Walla Walla Rivers in Washington, which will be known as the Columbia River bird refuge, states a news item in Popular Mechanics. The rock islets embrace about eight and one-fourth acres of ground and for many years have been a favorite resting place for wild birds. The fact that the preserve is not easily accessible by man will make it all the more advantageous to the game. It is under the jurisdiction of the United States biological survey.

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A Cave Discovered.

A cave twenty-six miles long has been discovered in the Ural Mountains. It is festooned with glistening icicles and abounds with grottoes of extraordinary beauty. The roof is described as a "mass of snow crystals that reflect the colors of the rainbow." There are wide corridors, at the bottom of which it is supposed a subterranean river flowed many years ago. About a mile from the entrance to the cave, it is said, is a small lake, near which were found several objects dating from the time of the Persian King Cyrus, and military fortifications built during the fourteenth century were unearthed nearby.

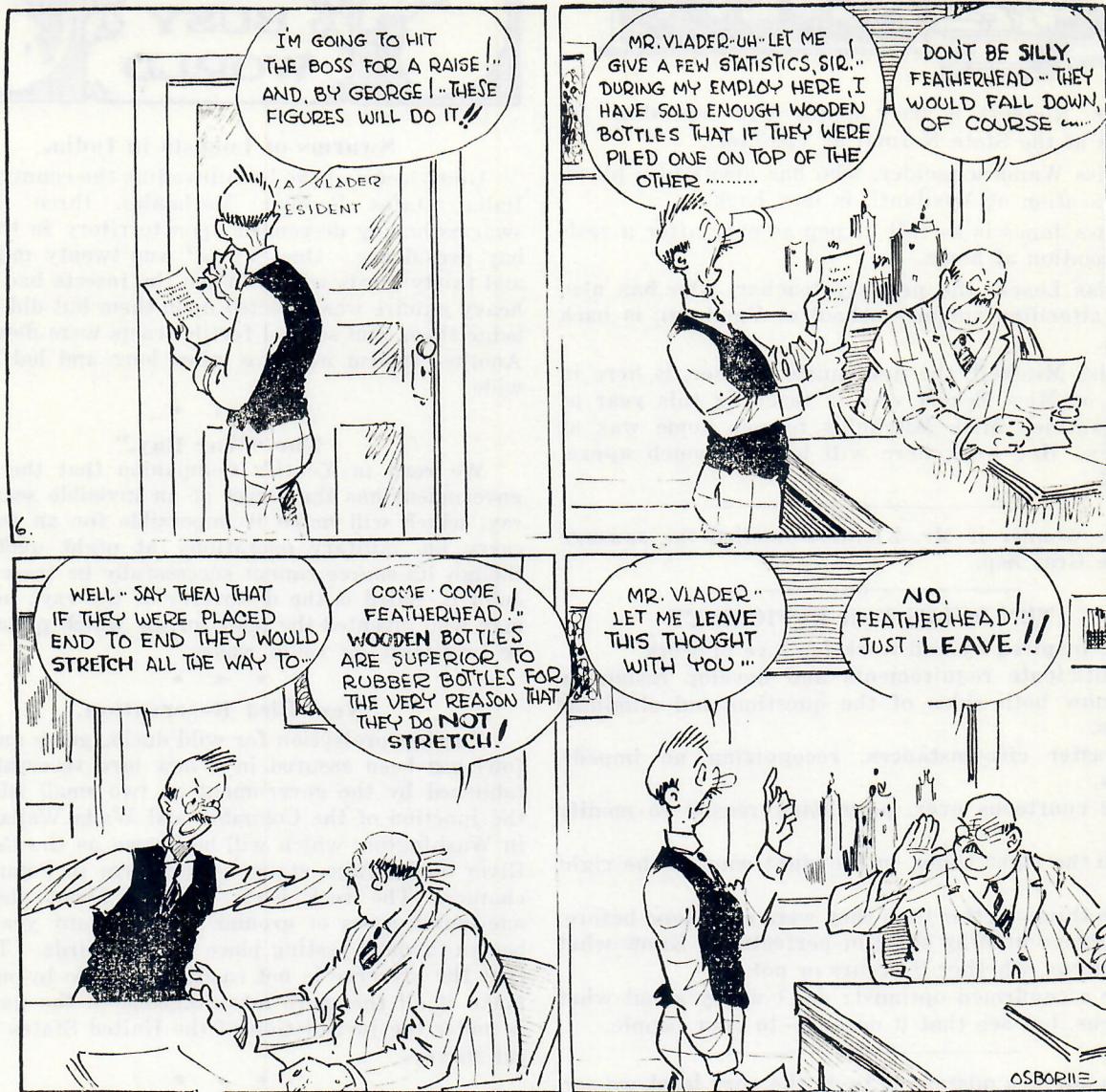
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Queer Lizards.

There are some 1,700 species of lizards and many of them are found in Australia, says Popular Mechanics. One native to that country is known as the bearded dragon or Jew lizard, and still another is remarkable for the frill about its neck. This lies flat when the creature is not disturbed, but when the animal is attacked or frightened, it is raised like a shield about the head.

THE FEATHERHEADS—

Proving Figures Aren't Fool-Proof



LABOR.

An interesting editorial on "Labor" appeared recently in the "British Weekly," London. This editorial dealt with the problem of harmony between capital and labor, laying the blame of discord upon the capitalist.

It begins: "No Christian man can rest contented while his brothers are crowded together in dark, evil-smelling slums or remain unmoved by the spectacle of degrading poverty side by side with wealth and extravagance." To prevent rebellion and revolution, the capitalist must find a solution to the problems which arise, which is spiritually conceived.

"The sum of the whole matter is this," says the writer, "that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit. Here is the final challenge to our churches, to our political organizations and to our capitalists—to everyone who fears God or loves his country."

The writer then proceeds to discuss the causes of labor troubles. "I believe," he says, "one great cause

of our labor troubles is the fact that nothing has ever been offered to the workers voluntarily."

He then goes on to cite an instance where a group of capitalists were gathered together, discussing labor troubles. They expected, as was gathered from their conversation, that wages should be reduced, but did not intend to make any sacrifices themselves. They were discussing the evils of strikes when one man spoke up and said:

"I have never had a strike; I have no strike; I shall never have a strike. Oh, it's very simple. Once we were doing rather well, and I called my men together and raised their wages. They nearly swooned with surprise; they were too dazed to cheer. Since then I have taken them completely into my confidence. When the business prospers they know it, and I go shares with them. When I have to cut wages I explain the reason and show them the books."

One of the other men inquired: "But, can you trust labor?"

"Trust labor?" was the reply. "That's not the question. The question is, can they trust me. I am afraid they didn't once, but they do now."

HIGH SCHOOLS

Hazel Zischke, Leah Forward and Wiona Ferrier have been absent this month because of illness.

Both the Freshmen and Sophomore classes have held their class meetings. The Freshmen elected their officers. Following is a list of Freshmen class officers: President, Ruth Marzke; vice-president, Maxine Balluff; secretary, Rhoda Reynolds; treasurer, Lorrie Schavey.

The Sophomores decided about their class rings.

Mr. Wooley of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association came here Friday and talked to the students about tuberculosis.

The Sophomores entertained the Freshmen, at a welcoming party at the school house, Friday, the twentieth. During the evening games were played and refreshments were served.

Students from the DeWitt High School will be on hand to see the first football game in the season between Michigan and Albion College at the Ann Arbor stadium September 28.

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GRAMMAR ROOM

There are 39 students in the grammar room this year.

The seventh grade is studying the Triangle Arithmetics.

Howard Hiatt was absent from school for a week because of illness.

The girls in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades have organized a Little Mothers' club.

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INTERMEDIATE

There are 46 enrolled in the Intermediate department: 12 in the third grade, 16 in the fourth and 18 in the fifth.

Fay Ellyn Cutler, LaVerne Leonard, Eloise Strong, Lillian Stanton and Frederick Isham have entered from other schools. Pupils also new to this room are Howard Courtland, Edward Felzke, Gaylord Klaver, Vincent Moon, Virginia Neve, Mary Reed, Shirley Schavey, John Schultz, Warren Wager, Ralph Ward, Thelma Welton and Clifton Wilcox.

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PRIMARY ROOM

We have started the year with an enrollment of 35.

Our kindergarteners are: Helen Beth Moon, Billy Wager, Vedell Isham, Norman Smalley, Arthur Courtland, Wallace Jersey, Richard Brainerd, and Calvin Searles.

Charles DuBrueil, Marjorie Brooks, Donald Stanton, Vedell Isham, Bobby Wilcox, and Arthur Courtland have been absent because of illness.

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Miss Mitchell: Roy, when were you born?

Roy: Er-ah, second of April.

Miss Mitchell: Late again.

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