

## High School News

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

#### First Grade.

The following are the pupils who have a perfect attendance record this year: Arlene Warner, Betty Young and Mardell Michaels.

In the Diagnostic test given this week the following had a high score: Wayne Hancock, Duane Ashton, Rose Lynch, Dick Wyant, Shirley Nelson, Arlene Warner, Davene Loy, Mardell Michaels and Glenn Templeton. These tests are given at the end of the fifth lesson, and the purpose is to check up and regroup children as they understand the work.

#### Second Grade.

In our reading contest Junior Toy has read the most books this year. We are sorry to lose one of our pupils, Vernon Nielson.

#### Fourth Grade.

We are having a dictionary contest to see who can look up the most words in two weeks. The first two weeks Delta Gunn had 443 and Clea Wyant 123. In the next two weeks Magel Harbottle had 110 and Max Taylor 68.

#### Fifth Grade.

We pupils dramatized a lesson in conduct this week.

As we have finished our Physiology and Geography books, we are reviewing now.

We have been making nature study booklets consisting of birds and flowers.

The fifth grade Geography class has finished studying North and South America and is now drawing maps of America before taking up the study of Europe.

#### Sixth Grade.

We are debating in English. The girls have proved stronger in a debate on, "It is Better To Live in the City."

#### Seventh Grade.

In a series of speed and accuracy tests in arithmetic the following pupils have received the highest scores: Burdette Miller, Leon Wyant, Edwin Burival, Eleanor Youngkin, Eugene Revell, Mary Haffner, Elizabeth Wyant, Nona Bressler and Pearl Burge.

The following have been neither absent or tardy this year: Nona Bressler, Margaret Dempsey, Clea Van Every, Eleanor Youngkin.

Next week the boys will commence to make some articles of wood for exhibit work.

We are working hard on our Penmanship drills in order to have a required number finished by the close of the school term.

#### Eighth Grade.

Robert Cook, of Oakdale, is a new pupil in the eighth grade.

The class has taken up the study of square root.

Robert Stitt did the best work in square root. He was also the most rapid.

Luella Crandall, Catherine Hagensick and Mavis Thompson each had a perfect arithmetic lesson Monday.

Robert Cook, Neoma Michaels, Louella Crandall, Geneva Fox, Patrice Robertson and Rebecca Haskin each had a perfect English lesson Tuesday.

Mrs. Manson visited the class Wednesday.

Miss Horiskey was absent Monday. Mrs. Guy C. Miller taught for her.

#### A LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

12 Wordsworth Ave, Chetam, Manchester, England, 26th Feb., 1929.

Dear Miss Ohmart: Your letter, dated the 9th of February, arrived at the school I attend this morning, and there it was pinned up in the Perfects' Room—Perhaps I ought to explain that a Perfect is a Senior boy of school who has certain duties to perform so as to keep order in and about the school. It was in the Perfects' Room that I saw your letter, and now, without offering any apologies, write to you.

We here at the Manchester Grammar School also write to people in other countries, but this practice seems to be confined to France and Germany. I feel quite sure however that this is the first time any one of the school has written to America.

Perhaps I should, first, return the compliment and give a description of myself. I am eighteen years of age, being nineteen at the end of March. Standing 5 foot, 10 inches in my boots. I weigh about 142 pounds. I am not particularly broad nor, on the other hand, am I thin. My cheeks are not red and yet not anaemic looking. My eyes are a blue grey, my hair being fair but slightly dark. I wear spectacles because of the amount of studying I once indulged in doing.

At school, I am top of the Mathematical 5th a form which devotes its attention to Mathematics. May I point out that here the 6th Forms—there are five here i. e. Classical, Modern, History, Science, and Mathematics,—are the highest in the school. Of these forms the Classical 6th has the greatest prestige it being the oldest 6th form. Being established, though under different names, when the school was founded by Hugh Oldham, Bishop of Exeter, in 1515. The Classical 6th as may be guessed from its name, gives its time to the study of Greek and Latin and similarly the other forms, the Modern 6th doing modern languages. But I am digressing from the subject. I have the additional distinction at school of having won a Scholarship to take me to Oxford University in America. I go up to Oxford next October. The beginning of the scholastic year—and will continue there for three years, where I hope to take a Degree. After that I shall probably go in for the teaching profession, but it is much more likely that I shall snap up anything that happens to be going.

I, too, am English, being born in Liverpool, about 35 miles from Man-

chester. My father, although of British parents and also British, was actually born in Italy, but this should be put down to the roving disposition of my grandfather, who, at that time, was Chief Engineer in the Greek Navy. My father, however, has shown no desire to roam, but has been settled here for the last sixteen years. He is now the Chief Clerk in a warehouse.

Concerning our own family we number four, namely, my father and mother, my elder brother and myself. Perhaps I should have said we numbered five, as my brother is married and his wife lives with us. My brother is six and one-half years my senior and so it happens that while I am just about to go to Oxford, he has been through Oxford and is now two and a half years after teaching in Cairo, Egypt, where my sister-in-law will shortly join him.

Concerning myself I have no more to say but if you would like to know anything more I will answer your questions as much as possible.

What games do you play out there? Do they play Rugby Football in the Boys' School, and what do they play in the Girls' School? Do you play any games, and, if so, what? I started to play Rugby last September. It has some of the features of American football.

Do you have any hobbies? At the moment, I am keen on stenciling and lately have been stenciling a cushion-cover (in secret) for my mother's birthday.

Will you please send me a photograph of yourself? I know I should really send you one of myself first but I am writing this at 12:30 (midnight) in my bedroom, and I can scarcely steal down stairs and remove one from the "Family Album" because father is probably not asleep yet. However, I will remedy this omission in the next letter, for I know that I am shortly to be "snapped" taken a photograph of, by my sister-in-law who wants one of me. I will then get a "snap" for you and sent it out.

The weather here is exceedingly cold, so cold last week, in fact, that there was out-of-door skating on the ponds and streams. I suppose however that this is quite a common winter experience with you in the heart of America, but here, streams that have not been frozen for as long as 26 years have been frozen over. As I write, the frost is supposed to be returning. We have all been warned in the evening papers that our water pipes may be frozen in the morning.

But now, I am sorry to say, I must stop, as I am supposed to be sleeping, or at least trying to sleep for some time. Write to me again, won't you? As soon as you possibly can and tell me more about yourself, your teacher or anything. You may be sure of it, that I shall be interested, and awaiting a reply. It is a wonderful feeling to write to you over so many thousands of miles. And you won't forget the photograph, will you?

And now may I wish you good luck in all your work, and in all you undertake.

Yours very truly,

Robert Whitehead.

P. S. Please excuse my writing towards the end but my pen has begun to run dry.

Yours, R. W.

P. S. There are 15 boys in my form, while there are 1,100 in the whole school.

#### OUR RED CROSS NURSE.

##### Sleep and Air.

"Ought not one always to lie on the right side?" asked a woman of her dinner companion whom she thought was a physician. "Madame, if one is on the right side, I see no reason for lying," replied the man, who was an attorney.

To insure the best rest to the body, it is necessary to be "stretched out long,"—but there is not preference as far as health is concerned upon which side a person lies. However sleeping upon one's back is considered undesirable and should be avoided.

For the perfect sleep, fresh air is required. "Night air? What are you afraid of?" asked Florence Nightingale in her reports from the Chimean Hospitals. "Do you suppose God's free air is made deadly by the temporary absence of light? You surely cannot expect to breathe day-air after sunset; your only choice is between the life giving, health restoring night air of the outdoor world and the sickening night air of a sweltering room!" Fresh air stimulates when all else fails. Especially is this true when both mind and body are exhausted.

#### IN OUR SCHOOLS.

By Anita Liddy.

Exlaura McDonough is looking quite saucy with her hair "frizzed up."

Last Friday afternoon, from 1:15 to 2:00 the High school and Eighth grade took a trip to Labrador with Miss Graskamp. We all enjoyed the trip and hope we may have the pleasure of taking another in the near future. Among the souvenirs of the trip Miss Graskamp had a tiny child's shoe or boot, a whale's tooth and a doll. All were very interesting.

The Senior Normal Trainers are doing practice teaching in rural schools this week.

Clyde Burge has changed his face scenery—and is now wearing glasses.

#### NEWS ABOUT SCHOOL.

Miss Florence Beighley has accepted a position as teacher of Mathematics in the high school at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, for the coming year.

Practices are going on for the Junior Class Play scheduled for April 12th for the O'Neill High program to be broadcasted from WNAX, Yankton, S. D., Saturday, April, 13th; and for the joint Music-Dramatic program sponsored by Miss Turner and Miss

## Postponed Dance

Opening Dance At  
Riverside Park, Spencer, Neb.,  
Sunday, April 7th

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Lawlor and set for Tuesday, April 26. The Music-Dramatic entertainment scheduled for April 2nd, has been postponed until April 26th. Watch for the program at a future date.

We are planning an all High Carnival for Friday evening, April 19th. Make your plans so that you can celebrate with us.

#### HOME ECONOMICS.

By Elizabeth Henry

##### A Breakfast Party.

A breakfast party must necessarily be less formal than a luncheon. A breakfast is served any time up to 12:30; after that the meal is called a luncheon.

To entertain at breakfast may mean a most simple sort of family breakfast, served from 9:00 to 10:30 o'clock, or if served at 11 or 12 o'clock, the breakfast may take on the proportions of a luncheon.

In summer, breakfast "bridge" parties are popular, because the pre-

paration of the food comes before the heat of the day. If a breakfast is served out of doors a special charm is added to the party.

A breakfast is usually served at tables, though if the occasion demanded, a buffet service could be used.

A breakfast menu, served from 11:00 to 12:30, would be similar to a luncheon menu, though there are seldom over four courses, and usually the salad is omitted or served with the meat, so as to make but three courses. At such a breakfast a sweet course may be served as a frozen dessert.

Chicken a la King in Timbales  
Parsley Potatoes  
Baking Power Biscuits Currant Jelly

The Sunshine Cord orchestra of Yankton, South Dakota, will play for the opening dance at River Side Park on the Niobrara river, twenty-five miles north of O'Neill, on Sunday night, April 7th. Mr. Hoover postponed the Easter dance until next Sunday night on account of the heavy snow storm.

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