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HILL HAPPENINGS

Now that the production of "East Lynne" is over, the Washington Players are certainly justified in breathing a big sigh of relief and shouldn't be pushed too hard if they seem to sort of take things easy for a little while. At least the success which they enjoyed last Friday night should have in some measure repaid them for the great amount of work they put in in staging such a large evening's entertainment. In fact, although every bit of the program was enjoyed by the audience, the only criticism that we heard of the production was its length which had some of the audience squirming before it was all over. And as this length of program was typical of the Gay Nineties, the followers of the Washington Players should be glad that such revivals are not held very often.

There really should be a round of compliments just about here, to all those who were instrumental in the success of the production. Oddly enough, there is no one person to whom the credit for "East Lynne's" success can be given, but rather it was due to the close cooperation of all concerned. Of course the earnest direction of Professor Tolles deserves special recognition for it was he who was the guiding light of the whole affair. But then the work of the principles of a dramatic production is always the keystone of its success and out of the work of Robert Fink, Doris Unrah, William Hall, William Van Newkirk, and Harriet Louisa Rogers, no distinctions can be made for they all gave performances which had professional qualities. Then too, the work of stage manager William McCoullough, Willa Newnam in charge of furniture, Elizabeth Thibodeau as costumer, and Mildred Tryzno who painted the scenery, all was invaluable to the success of the production.

The audience soon entered into the spirit of the affair by hissing the villan and cheering the heroine when she repulsed some of the advances made by the villan. As for the between the acts skits, the peanut sales were mighty slow until someone in the balcony hit upon the idea of expressing their sentiments by chucking peanuts at the performers. Some of the faculty were up in the balcony, but then we're not accusing anybody. Your columnist would still like a word in private with the person who put a peanut square between his eyes while he was right in the middle of a dramatic line while singing "She's More To Be Pitied Than Censured."

On last Thursday evening the Classical Society celebrated the latest of a series of birthday parties that has been going on for quite some time when it celebrated the bimillennial anniversary of the birth of Horace. The Reverend Mr. Walden Pell, headmaster of St. Andrews School at Middletown, Delaware, was the speaker of the evening and he read a paper giving his impressions of the human side of Horace. A buffet supper was served for the members of the society and guests.

The International Society, last Wednesday evening, heard Antonio L. Civit Jane', a sophomore and native of Cuba, speak on the recent political developments in his country. Mr. Civit traced the development of political parties since 1924 and the causes of the present revolutions. The talk also gave many of the lurid details omitted by the press in discussing the outrages that the Machado regime had inflicted upon the Cuban people.

The last issue of "The Elm" carried a rather ambiguous headline on the front page, reading, "Abnormal Class Visits Perry Point Hospital.' Which was quite true but rather misleading for what realiy happened was that the class in Abnormal Psychology made the trip of inspection, accompanied by Dr. F. G. Livingood. The trip was quite worthwhile in that it gave the students a chance to actually see some of the cases that they had been reading about in their text books and also to see how a modern institution treats these cases as being merely "mentally sick" and strives to resocialize them rather than lock them up as dangerous anti-social individuals as in the past.

The girl's hockey season is all over now, the regular inter-class schedule has been completed, the two color teams, composed of the pick of the hockey players battled to a scoreless tie, and now the eleven best hockey players have been chosen as the Honorary Varsity Hockey Team of the 1935 season. This team is selected by the girls themselves through the medium of the Board of Managers of the Women's Athletic Association. It is interesting to note that the seniors captured the greatest number of positions in fact two-thirds of the team. The players honored were, Seniors, Carolyn Helms, Doris Metcalf, Priscilla Grainger, Carolyn Jewell, Regina Slaughter, Lucy Cruickshank, Leah Frederick, Miriam Ford; Juniors, Jean Harshaw, Margaret Sutton; Freshman, Helen Alsdorf.

While on the subject of sports, the whole student body is just marking time until the first basketball game when they will be privileged to see the latest edition of the "Flying Pentagon." And really, from all the advance notice that they have been able to receive, this year's team should come nearer to taking the place of the original Pentagon than any in recent years. What with the varsity practicing down in the Armory, this first game with Shenandoah will be in the nature of a revaluation for everybody has been very pleased with the way the B squad has been going in its daily practices in the gym, and the varsity certainly should be "hot."

Hot Spot Of The Week:—Latest Rat Party of the year reveals many hot spots. More later.

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THINGS WORTH KNOWING

A photo flood light has been designed to increase blue rays to aid color photography.

The population of San Francisco's Chinatown is estimated to have doubled since 1929.

The oldest big building in the world is the Step Pyramid in Egypt, which is estimated to be 6,000 years old.

Conversion of the tendons from the rear legs of slaughtered cattle into strings for tennis rackets is providing a new source of revenue for Tulare (Cal.) packing houses.

It has been found that acetamide, a white, crystalline substance, has a wider range of solvent powers than any other matter, according to the University of Oregon.

Fossilized crabs dug from prehistoric strata are shipped from China to San Francisco in velvet lined cases for use as medicinal preparations by Chinese physicians.

Undoubtedly the slowest moving piece of mechanism is a certain wheel in the great clock of the former Imperial palace in Pottsdam, Germany. It revolves only once in 400 years.

There are only 57 per cent as many horses and mules on farms in this country today as there were in 1918.

In The Schools

CHESTERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Christmas spells candy to the Third Grade and they are stocking up on rules when and when not to eat it.

Sugar is the most important thing in candy so at present they are visiting Cuba to find out how it is grown.

They found out the four corners of the earth meet in a piece of candy.

Now let's jump from candy making to Africa.

The Fourth Grade is visiting "the Valley of the Congo River," and are very much interested in the animals of the grasslands, the Pygmies, and other jungle tribes.

Now to spiders:

The children in the Fifth Grade have gathered quite a few microscopes through which they will study these tiny insects. After studying the legs and other parts of the spiders the children drew pictures, describing them. Their problem is, how the food that the spider eats helps man? Can you answer it?

In geography they are also interested in the industries of "the Great Valley of the Appalachian Mountains."

Miss Hoyle's room is busy on a very interesting subject, trees. They have many posters of leaves, such as oaks, elms, and maples. They also have many posters of other fruits.

In Science the Sixth Grade has made telegraph instruments that work very well. They are now studying telephones. Perhaps they are thinking of wiring Santa Claus.

They having made such a fine impression with the first act of their play, was asked to dramatize all three acts. They did this on Wednesday and the whole school attended. Who knows—we might have a future actress or actor in our midst.

The spirit of Christmas is beginning to be uppermost in the minds of all the folks around school. Anxious looks and wishes are being passed along for Christmas is in the air.

—James Crouch.

What a good time we had over the Thanksgiving holiday. Four days of play and good times were certainly enjoyed by all; now we're counting the days for the greatest holiday of all—Christmas. Meanwhile, here is a poem that Lillian Lee and Flossie Coleman of the Seventh Grade handed in too late for last week's news.

MR. TURKEY'S HARDLUCK

Old Mr. Turkey was very proud
Before Thanksgiving day,
He strutted around, and gobbled loud
In a happy kind of way.

But when he heard of Thanksgiving
He was very frightened indeed,
For fear he wouldn't be living
To have any pumpkin seed.

Early Thanksgiving morning
When Mr. Brown came out,
He found that Mr. Turkey
Was nowhere about.

Under the house and on the roof
He looked, but to no avail,
When, all of a sudden on the henhouse,
He spied a feathered tail.

"Um, Grandma, this turkey sure is good!"
Said little Mary Lou,
"I would like to have a drum stick,
But really any piece will do."

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HI - NEWS

Prepared By The Chestertown High School Press Club

Are you tired? No, just limbering up for a good season.

There were many boys at the first practice for this year's basketball season, on Thursday night. A few boys from last year's team are left this year, although most of the squad graduated.

The boys are looking toward a good season. There are to be many games on the schedule. You can buy your tickets from Mr. Hall for the season's games.

—F. H. Poetzsch.

Senator Mary Alice Hepbron, Massachuetts, addressed the Senate and the galleries as to her reasons why the Townsend old age pension bill should not be passed. Among the things she said, it was brought out that the majority of the old people could not spend the $200 a month provided for in the bill. The House, in the morning, along with the Senate, in the afternoon, voted the plan down. The House convened at 10:00 A. M. and the Senate at 1:30 P. M. Luncheon was served to the Congressmen at noon. The session was held at Mitten Hall, Temple University.

The novel idea of a mock congress invoked many telegrams and letters, all from important personages, such as Doctor Townsend, Governor Earle, Representative McGrearty (the author of the bill), and various educators in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

—Ralph Thornton.

The Safety Patrol met Wednesday to reorganize and make more efficient the organization. It was found that some of the officers had not been faithfully fulfilling their duty. Few offenders have been caught but justice will be meted out to those not regarding the safety rules. It was decided to change the former officers with the exception of the Chief, James McGregor. Mr. Blades, the faculty advisor, spoke a few words of advice, and Mr. Stenger deemed it best for the first officers to return their belts and badges to be given out again. The following are the new officers:

Captains—Gerson Bonnett, Ralph Thornton.

Lieutenants—Louis Anthony, Robert Moore.

Each captain or lieutenant names his own squad. It is hoped that under this reorganization the Safety Patrol will prove more efficient.

—Wayne Pote.

In the Dramatic Club meeting on Thursday the members were highly entertained by a play, "Toast and Tea." It was directed by Kitty Bringman. The scene of the dramatization was a tea room which was supposed to be the gathering place of the local smart set. Frances Lambert, in one of the leading roles, quite capably portrayed a newcomer to the town, who had not yet got adjusted. Virginia Foley was the waitress and Anna Hadaway, Mina Brown, Doris Savington, Dora Patrick, Marjorie Dixon and Yetta Gordon were the other members of the cast. The play was much enjoyed and we hope for more in the future.

—Ruth Adams.

Friday, December the sixth, the girls interested in basketball, which was a large number, assembled in Miss Bryan's room for a meeting.

They had the usual election of officers resulting as follows: School manager, Dora Patrick; Senior manager, Miriam Newcomb; Junior manager, Katherine Strong; Sophomore manager, Frances Kreeger; Freshman manager, Elizabeth Wheatley. The same two rules from last year held good this year: namely, wearing tennis shoes and no eating in the Gym. There were approximately 100 girls at the meeting. The Freshman and the Sophomores practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the Juniors and Seniors on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Varsity team will practice on Thursdays. With all the girls coming out we ought to have an especially good Varsity team and also good class teams. So here's luck to basketball.

—Mary Elizabeth Humphreys.

The Reflector is going to have a bazaar on Saturday, December 14, 1935.

Many types of handwork, which will make ideal Christmas gifts, will be sold. There will be a variety of food also.

The Reflector is greatly in need of money and we hope that everyone will visit the old, "Peoples Bank building" between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

—Mary Alice Hepbron.

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Sngineers are studying the changing course of the Willamette river at Salem, Ore. The channel appears to be shifting away from the Salem side of the river and the city's dock facilities.

A large shipment of white rats has been sent to the Philippines to aid the study of leprosy. Such rodents for use in the laboratories there are not available in that region.

A bushel of wheat usually averages 42.6 pounds of flour.

People in this country still marry at the rate of one couple every minute and a half.

Teletype machines now have a rival in the radiotype. Police authorities are trying this radio-typewriter.

It is said that scientists are now working on an electrical device designed to take the finger prints of criminal suspects and others secretely.

The Hall telephone exchange believed the smallest in Michigan, serves only twelve homes. It has been in operation more than thirty years.

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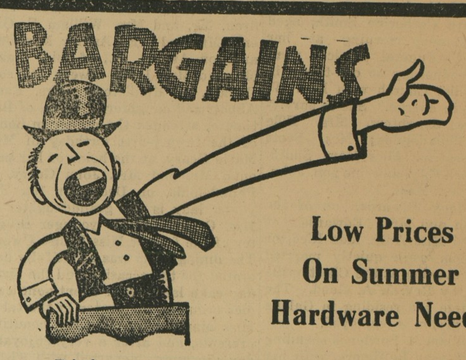

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