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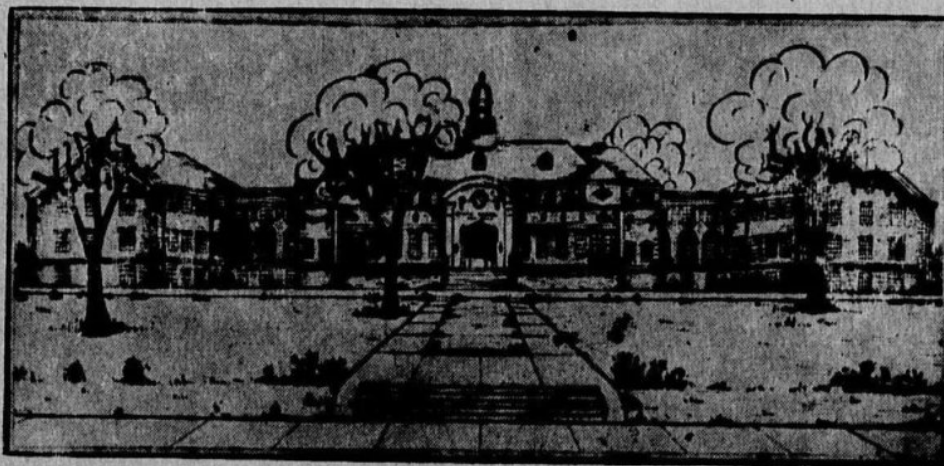
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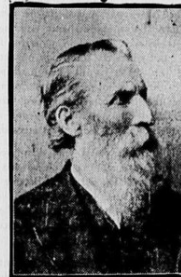




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## Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the Kansas School for the Deaf, 1861-1936

By MISS RETTA WILLIAMSON



PHILLIP A. EMERY  
FOUNDER

**T**HE FIRST EFFORTS in behalf of the deaf in Kansas were made by Prof. P. A. Emery, of the Indiana Institution. This was in 1861. On March 5, of that year, the Legislature made appropriations and appropriations were likewise made in 1863 and 1864. The first school building was a small cottage of two rooms and an attic. Prof. Emery remained as superintendent until 1864. Later he founded the Chicago Schools for the Deaf and was principal for many years.

From 1864 to 1865 the school was located in Topeka and was under the superintendency of Benjamin Nordyke, a deaf man, who continued through the first months of the winter of 1864-5. On February 10, 1865 the Legislature made a small appropriation to assist Prof. Joseph Mount, also a deaf man, to re-open the school at Baldwin. On February 15, 1866 the Legislature organized the "Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb" by appointing

a Board of Trustees, located it at Olathe, and made an appropriation for its support. The first or Charter Board of Trustees were as near as can be ascertained, as follows: Warner Craig, of Baldwin president; Frank E. Henderson, of Olathe, Secretary; J. K. Goodin, of Baldwin, auditor; A. S. Johnson, and George H. Lawrence both of Johnson County. The board held its first meeting at Olathe, November 1866 in the new stone building, then recently completed for the institution by Col. J. E. Hayes. The state purchased the building and ground (twelve and a half acres) of Col. Hayes, for \$15,000, and subsequently of other parties, 160 acres of land for a farm for the benefit of the Institution, two and a half miles from Olathe.

The first school building in Olathe was a stone structure 40x60 feet. There was nothing modern about the building which stood midway between the center of the present building and the street. There were no shade trees here then, the country being an open prairie. There were no paved streets then and but little sidewalk. The sidewalk, which was constructed of cottonwood lumber, would, after a rain, curl up under the rays of the hot sun. In 1866 the school had an enrollment of eighteen pupils.

Five pupils attended that first small school in Baldwin. They were Elizabeth Studebaker, Matilda Kennedy, Lenora Neal, Miss L. P. E. Pinney and Josephine Robinson. Elizabeth Studebaker became Mrs. Gates and now lives with relatives in Kansas City, Mo. When Mrs. Gates first came to school she traveled across the country with her father to Baldwin in a lumber wagon. Money being scarce and befitting the times, her father paid her tuition with ham, corn-meal and other farm products. Matilda Kennedy married a Mr. Harbert, a deaf man who held a position in the Colorado School.

Lenora Neal married Mr. Charles Curtis an uncle of former Vice-President Chas. Curtis. Mrs. Curtis was one of the pioneer teachers having received her education in our school. She still lives with



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relatives near Baldwin. There is no available information concerning Miss Pinnes or Miss Robinson.

Mr. Mount, who later founded the Arkansas and Nebraska Schools for the deaf, was superintendent of this school after it was moved back to Baldwin and continued in that office after the school was definitely located in Olathe.

Following Mr. Mount as superintendent was Thomas Burnside who remained only about seven months (1867) and then returned to his old position as a teacher in the Mt. Airy School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Thomas Burnside was followed as superintendent by Louis H. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins was born near Hudson, New York, and was graduated from Hamilton College in 1851. He had been an instructor in the Ohio School and Principal of the Wisconsin School. After leaving Wisconsin he taught for some years in the Illinois School at Jacksonville. He was superintendent of this school for nine years from 1867 to 1876. It was through his efforts that bills incorporating both the Kansas and Nebraska Schools were passed by the respective Legislatures of these states. Mr. Jenkins died of paralytic stroke while pastor of the Presbyterian church at Marshfield, Wisconsin.

During Mr. Jenkins' term as superintendent of this school the old stone building gave place to the east wing of the building recently razed. This structure 45x75 feet, was built of brick and stone. The *Kansas Star* and a small printing plant were established at this time.

In 1873 the east wing of the building which gave way to the present new one was erected. In 1883 the west wing was built leaving vacant ground between the two wings. The old stone building to the front and to the west of the central or main part of the administration building was razed giving way to the west wing. In 1885 the central part of the building was put up connecting the two wings. In 1873 the school boasted of twenty-five pupils. In 1890 several pupils were selected to go before

the Legislature to give a demonstration of school work carried on here in order to impress the Senators and Representatives with the value of educating the deaf and the need of more buildings. Shortly thereafter the dining hall was built to the rear of the central building and in 1893 the chapel was built above the dining room. Professor Emery returned to the school to dedicate the new chapel. At about this time the industrial building was built. This building was in the form of the letter L. The basement of the east extension was occupied by the boiler and engine rooms, with the laundry above. These shops were in the north extension until four years ago when they were moved to the new industrial building. Before the L shaped building was put up, the trades were housed in a sort of frame shack which stood where the stand pipe now stands. The printing shop was in a small room in the southwest corner of the basement of the boys' dormitory. The rooms on the first, second and third floors of the west lateral building were used for school rooms until the Literary Building was erected.

The first floor of the boys' wing was used for the chapel until the room for the chapel was built over the dining room. The old chapel became sleeping quarters for the little boys. On the second floor to the west was the study room. The two large rooms above the Superintendent's office and parlors were used for the hospital.

Mr. Jenkins was followed as superintendent here by Theodore C. Bowles (1876-1879). During his administration the enrollment increased from seventy-five pupils to eighty-six. The method of heating was changed from stoves to hot-air and lighting by kerosene lamps to gas manufactured on the premises. The Industrial Department was established at this time. Mr. Bowles died in office.

Mr. J. W. Parker was superintendent for one year from 1879 to 1880. During this time the lateral wing and the main building was erected. Mr. Parker introduced articulation and lip-reading into the school curriculum. There were one hundred nine pupils in attendance at this time.



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Mr. Parker was followed by W. H. De Motte. Mr. De Motte, a native of Kentucky, was graduated from De Pauw University in 1849. His first teaching of the deaf was in Mr. J. S. Brown's "wonderful school of deaf people," at Indianapolis in 1850. Before coming to this school, Mr. De Motte was superintendent of the Wisconsin School. While here the attendance increased from one hundred nine to one hundred forty and there were seven teachers. A one story brick kitchen was erected at this time. Mr. De Motte was superintendent of the Kansas School from 1880 to 1882. Upon leaving this Institution he was offered a similar position in the Iowa School, but declined it.

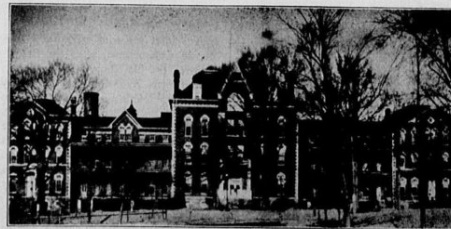
Mr. G. R. Wyckoff was acting superintendent for one year, 1882-1883. Mr. H. A. Turton became superintendent in 1883 and continued until 1885. During his term of office the west wing of the old building was erected at a cost of \$20,000. There were one hundred sixty-seven pupils in attendance at this time.

S. Tefft Walker became superintendent in 1885. He had taught in the Illinois, Mount Airy and Hartford Schools and had served as principal of the Colorado School. He resigned in 1893 to become superintendent of the Illinois School. Later he became head of the Louisiana School and later was appointed superintendent of the Missouri School. The following events mark his term of office: The erection of the lateral wing between the west wing and the main building; added second story to boiler house; installed modern laundry machinery; razed original stone building; erected main building; erected 100 foot, smoke stack; added baker's trade; built industrial building, now used for girls' Domestic Science and Art building; added art department; started a library with 1700 volumes; introduced regular course of study; Teachers Association formed; heating and lighting system improved; the school farm became a dairy and agricultural project. There were two hundred sixty-one students in attendance at this time.

Mr. J. D. Carter succeeded Mr. Walker remaining but two months. In 1894 Mr. Albert A. Stewart succeeded Mr. Carter. At the time Mr. Stewart was appointed superintendent, he was editor of a newspaper in Manhattan, Kansas. He served here until 1895, when owing to a change in state politics he gave way to Mr. H. C. Hammond. Mr. Stewart became superintendent of the Oklahoma School in 1908. He served three times as head of the Kansas School. The second time was from 1897 to 1889 and the third time from 1923 to 1925.

Mr. Hammond was superintendent the first time from 1895 to 1897. He returned and again served from 1889 to 1909. During his last term in office the school building, laundry, barn and water tower were erected. A green house was put up at this time, and the hedge fence which enclosed the grounds was cleared away. Mr. Hammond introduced the oral method into the school work. The attendance dropped to two hundred forty-five pupils.

Cyrus E. White, who became superintendent in 1909, was graduated from the normal department of Gallaudet College in 1898. His first work among the deaf was a teacher in this school. From here he went to the Minnesota School as a teacher. In 1907 he was appointed superintendent of the Nebraska School. The hospital building was put up during Mr. White's term as head of this school.



West Wing, 1883 This part, 1885 Main part, 1885 This part about 1879 East Wing 1873  
THIS BUILDING IN USE FOR 62 YEARS 1873-1935





### ALUMNI

Mr. McLVAIN, Conductor

It is reported that Mr. Scott Hutchins of Massachusetts, a former pupil of Mrs. Calvin Collidge, was married to Miss Dorothy Peck last November, in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Miller (Cotterman) are wintering with their daughter Fay and husband at Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. Reeder is a teacher at the deaf school there.

Mr. Otis Koehn has been employed here a good part of the summer and autumn. At present, he is doing farming at the school dairy.

Mr. Alex Parrish has a steady job at the Good-year Tire factory, Los Angeles, Calif. His specialty is tubes. As he had saved his money when times were good, he is pretty well fixed.

December 8, 1935, Mr. Ray Puett and Miss Theresa Knapp were joined in wedlock. Congratulations from all who know the couple. Theresa cannot dance or sing, but she can cook, sweep, wash and dust—what more could Ray expect of her? As for Ray himself, he is a shoe cobbler and will always give Theresa his last—not shoe last but cent which means dollars, too. Long may they live a happy, contented life.

Mr. and Mrs. Keach were welcome visitors at the farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tipton, near McPherson, Kansas, the first part of January. They enjoyed the well known hospitality of the host and hostess.

The mother of Mr. William Hurst died at her residence in Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, January 9, aged 84 years. Mrs. William Hurst was Miss Lowman when both were pupils here about thirty years ago.

Mr. E. S. Foltz wears another feather in his cap. Recently he showed some Chicago Algebra wizard where he was wrong in his finding, the text book being Wells' Essentials of Algebra. In closing the letter, the associate editor, Boston, Mass., wrote, "This test is an old one and it is surprising to me that no one has called this to our attention before. Thank you for your kindness in writing about this problem."

While in Hollywood, California, we had the opportunity and pleasure of calling on our old instructor of printing, Mr. E. W. Bowles. It was under his instruction that we learned the "art preservative" here in the old Star shop, way back in the early eighties. We found Mr. Bowles still in harness but this time in the capacity of proof reader for a publishing house there. He made inquiries after some of the old boys and girls he knew. Though past three score and ten, Mr. Bowles has as good a memory as on the day he took charge of the infant Star as its first father. It was a great, rare pleasure to see him again after so many years had elapsed and both of us grandfathers.

From Mr. Harold Kistler, we learned that his brother Walter was married to the widow of Mr. Ernest Haefer (Ruth Paxton) December 4, 1935; the ceremony was held at Manhattan, Kansas. For some years, Mr. Kistler was employed on her farm near Blaine, Kansas, and the marriage was the result of the long association on the farm. Harold has been watchman for a Leavenworth road Construction Company near Paola for some months. He was one of the attendants at the K. S. D.-B. U. basket ball game Saturday night, the 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dillman are the proud parents of a baby girl born to them recently. Mrs. Dillman was May Morey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Peterson, nee Etta Burton, of Superior, Nebraska announce the arrival of a 8 1-2 pound daughter on January 11. She has been christened Myrna Jetta. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Clinesmith have a daughter, born October 6 at the home of Mrs. Clinesmith's parents in Missouri.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gladys Bennett O'Brien December 22, a boy.

The most beautiful sight we saw on our trip to the western coast were the Grand Canyon of Arizona and the Painted Desert Park, with their riot of colors. At the latter place, the day was rather hot and at the former it was so cold that our teeth chattered and bodies shivered as we stood on the rim and viewed the burst of colors, depicting images in stone, such as, castles, pulpits, thrones, pillars, mountains, etc. Those of you planning to visit the Canyon some time in the future we would advise making it a point to be there in the daytime. We got there in the evening, found all the camps, beds in the hotels and much of the parking spaces occupied, and so had to sleep in our car. It was a cold night and morning while you were sweating out here in Kansas. Pen and brush cannot do the scenery justice. It has to be seen.

### INFORMAL CHATTER

Contributed by Miss BETTA WILLIAMSON

#### MYSELF

I have to live with myself, and so  
I want to be fit for myself to know;  
I want to be able, as days go by,  
Always to look myself straight in the eye.  
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun  
And hate myself for the things I've done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf  
A lot of secrets about myself,  
And fool myself as I come and go  
Into thinking that nobody else will know  
The kind of man I really am;  
I don't want to dress myself up in sham.

I want to go out with my head erect,  
I want to deserve all men's respect.  
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf,  
I want to be able to like myself.  
I don't want to think, as I come and go,  
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I never can hide myself from me;  
I see what others may never see,  
I know what others may never know,  
I never can fool myself—and so  
Whatever happens I want to be  
Self-respecting and conscience-free.

—Edgar A. Guest.

#### PERSONALITIES

We have two teachers who have missed their calling—both should have been salesladies. Why they are so excellent in that line that I really believe they could sell Eddie Foltz the idea of taking cod liver oil for underweight, or convince all these new Ford owners that they should have bought "Chevys."

In case you haven't been tackled by these two high-powered salesladies, I'll tell you where they hang out—one does business in the northeast corner upstairs and the other in the northwest corner in the basement of the school building.

Miss Northern looks like a smart girl (if looks are not deceiving) so I'm going to ask her to please work out the problem which follows:

If this and that plus one-half of this and that are eleven, how much is this and that?

By-the-way tell Fleecy Gooch when you get the answer. She has puzzled over it for years.

Mary Ross should know all about farm life since she was born and reared with the live-stock and corp. I have a question which pertains to farm life that only farmerette Mary can answer. Here it is! Does a pig's tail twist from right to left or from left to right?

Thelma Hughes would like to know the answer, Mary. She is very much worried about it. Mary is not only a good hog caller, but she can also write poetry. Here is a sample that Mary wrote one day when she had a very hard cold:

#### Ode to a Cope

Run and flow,  
Sniff and blow,  
Then there comes a sneeze.  
Run and flow  
Breathe and blow,  
Quick, a Kleenex, please!  
Mary has the idea, hasn't she?

Come on, folks, hats off to the actress in our midst. Very excellently done, Miss Foster. I believe you could work up a play for the benefit of our poor school teachers. What about it? If I could be a butler with excess to whatever it is that makes Masters act that way, I'd consent to be in it.

#### GLAD TO HELP

"Sir, I wonder if you'd help a girl in trouble?"  
"Sure, what sort of trouble do you want to get into?"

Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.

Daughter—"A certain young man sent me these flowers this morning."

Mother—"Don't say 'certain' young man. None of them are certain until you get them."

#### HE KNEW THE GAME

"Is your wife home?"  
"Naw," replied Frankhauser. "She's out with a bunch of prize fighters."

"Prize fighters?" replied Mrs. Murphy in surprise.

"Yes," answered Frankhauser. "She went to a bridge party."  
Tut! Tut!



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This paper represents the work of the pupils in the printing department. Its purpose is threefold—to teach them art printing; to encourage the habit of reading among our pupils; to act as a medium of communication between the school and parents and friends of the pupils.

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ALFRED L. KENT, Instructor of Printing

On the evening of January 12 the superintendent, two of the teachers and five of the pupils gave a description and demonstration of the work done at the school here, at the First Presbyterian Church in Iola, Kansas. The weather was perfect and a very fine crowd gathered to watch the youngsters go through their paces. They gave a very nice little program and it was heartily appreciated.

Dr. Snuffer, the minister, and his charming wife entertained the crowd of us at their home for supper. They made our stay very pleasant indeed and we hope they will come to us so that we may show our appreciation.

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Christmas time with us was a happy one in spite of the fact that there were no extended holidays. Owing to the fact that we opened so late—November 2—it was unwise for us to have the regular Christmas vacation, so only the one day was given; but we made the most of that one day. On Christmas Eve everyone gathered in the chapel for a tree. Many packages, interesting in size and beautiful in color, were banked around the roots of that lovely tree that grew out of the stage. All eyes were focused upon this sight until Mr. Laughlin, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announced that he fancied he heard Santa Claus. Everyone looked toward the chimney then. If Mr. Laughlin was right, Santa should appear at any moment. There he came with his jolly face and blustering ways. After a short talk to the youngsters he hurried on his way. After the

presents were distributed, to the delight of numerous small boys and girls, the children all scattered to their rooms to see what Santa had bestowed upon them. Great was the excitement and delight. The next morning no one hurried about getting up, but by the time dinner was over—and it was a sumptuous chicken dinner with all the fixin's—they were ready for more sport, including a hilarious party.

On the whole it was a very happy Christmas time, and while all of us like to be home for Christmas, we feel this was not such a bad substitute after all.

And now we are all wishing you all a Happy New Year.

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Those milk bottle caps, otherwise, but not better known as sales tax tokens, which are so conspicuous in Kansas City, Mo., and, in fact, the entire state always remind us of Bro. Jimmy Orman's favorite expression, "filthy lucre." We will be glad to vouch for their filthiness by sending free—gratis, samples of these tokens to any l. p. t. brother if he will send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We have so many of these milk bottle caps in the house we are afraid the Kansas State Health Inspector will stop off one of these days and ask to inspect our dairy herd. He will think we are operating a dairy. —F.

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#### THE NEW APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Last spring the various publications of schools for the deaf commented very favorably on the merits of Thorndyke's Junior Century Dictionary. We purchased a few copies and are more than pleased with them. The book is admirably suited for the needs of the deaf child. We believe there is no better dictionary for these unfortunate youngsters.

For years, we have hoped there would appear a practical arithmetic—one that would deal

with modern, up-to-date problems—things about which the deaf show a surprising lack of understanding.

Although several fairly good arithmetics have been published, we do not believe there is one more appropriate for the use in our high school department than "The New Applied Mathematics" by Lasley and Mudd and published by Prentice Hall Co., of New York.

This new book is full of problems the deaf children will encounter after graduation. The writing and sending of a telegram, purchasing railroad tickets and making Pullman reservations and even the method of booking passage on a modern air liner are explained as is banking procedure and the various forms of insurance. There are no fanciful, pretzel-winding gymnastics for the young mind to ponder over. Just plain, simple, everyday and worth-while problems.

Other features of The New Applied Mathematics is that it has introductions to both algebra and geometry. While most arithmetics contain an introduction to algebra, this one is the first we have come across that also has an introduction to geometry. We believe that a study of elementary geometry is very necessary for the deaf child before graduation—it broadens the understanding of many things one is sure to come across outside of school.

We heartily recommend the book to other state schools and suggest that the authorities of these schools send for a sample copy and give it a trial.—F.

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#### THE WHY of "UPPER" and "LOWER"

There have been men elected to the house of representatives in Kansas, Missouri and elsewhere who have been irked by continued reference to their membership in the "lower house." Perhaps men sent to congress as representatives have felt much the same about it. Senators have exulted within themselves over membership in the "upper house."

Representative W. P. Lamberton, of the first

Kansas congressional district, has discovered it does not mean a thing. Probably if he were a United States senator he wouldn't make his discovery known. But, being a member of the "lower house" of congress, he explains: in the old capitol building at Philadelphia, the senate was up stairs and the house was down. For this reason, they were first called "upper" and "lower"—not for any other reason.

That makes it very plain. Also it ought to ease things up in the neighborhood of Fairview, Kansas, where there has always been more or less dissatisfaction because of the community's leading citizen still is in the "lower house." There probably will be some more slight quibbling because of the new general familiarity with "upper" and "lower" berths in the Pullman cars and the occasional references by snooty magazines to "upper" and "lower" strata of society, yet any Fairview resident knows that in building a new house, if anything is to be slighted in the finish it is the upper story.

The above editorial appeared in a recent issue of the Kansas City Star, and naturally we were interested as Mr. Lamberton is well known at the school, having been one of the members of our Board a few years back.

Our students at Gallaudet College in Washington are unstinted in their praise for both Mr. and Mrs. Lamberton. Their interest in Gallaudet College is shown by the fact that whenever the college boys and girls stage a public program, it is a safe bet that Mr. and Mrs. Lamberton will be among the audience. However, their friendship for the college does not cease here. Every year it is the custom for Representative and Mrs. Lamberton to take the Kansas co-eds on a sight-seeing trip. Sometimes it is a trip through the National Cemetery at Arlington and a drive around the Speedway or to Tidal Basin to see the cherry trees in full bloom, then a boat ride down the historic Potomac.

Next year a trip is made through the United States Capitol, with a prearranged visit with the Vice President and Senator Capper and a ride through the underground tunnel connecting the Capitol with the House of Representa-





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tives, ending with a dinner in the dining room of the "lower house."

On other occasions it is a drive through Rock Creek park, out to the fashionable Chevy Chase district and then out to Mr. Vernon to visit the home of George and Martha Washington.

Taking it all in all, the Kansas students are fortunate and Gallaudet College is lucky to have such good friends as Mr. and Mrs. Lambertson around.—F.

### OUR OPEN HOUSE

Five or six hundred Olathe people came to visit us on the afternoon and evening of our open house Thursday, the 16th of January. We gave our old friends a better idea of the interesting work we do, and feel confident that we gained some new friends as well.

Several teachers from the different departments demonstrated teaching methods from two o'clock until four. There was a steady stream of visitors through the class rooms. Next they visited the hospital, the laundry, and the vocational buildings, winding up at the new dormitory and administration building. After being conducted through the latter building, they were served punch and cookies. It was an enthusiastic crowd that left our school after what they termed an entertaining and educational afternoon.

Some of these same people as well as a good many different ones filled the auditorium that evening. Three brief talks by prominent men gave the people a better understanding of the following things: the tremendous amount of time, unceasing effort, "pushing," and patience, were required from our superintendent and the friends of the school in order to get the much needed building; what the presence of our school in Olathe means to the community; what a problem it is to keep our school on the high plane that it is educationally, when we have the handicap of being politically controlled; and what continued energetic, yet patient work is going to be required from all of us in the near future to convince the Kansas people and their representatives that we need yet another addition—a primary building.

The girls' physical education department entertained with four dances, and the teachers of the school furnished several musical numbers.

The members of the Olathe Chamber of Commerce, represented by Mr. H. A. Jetmore, Jr., were

behind us in all our efforts to entertain and instruct the townspeople, and we thank them for it. The *Olathe Mirror* printed the program, and that paper as well as the *Johnson County Democrat* gave the program good front page publicity for two weeks.

Miss Maud Carter arranged the literary department demonstrations, Miss June Bishop had charge of the program for the evening. Miss Bertha Chamberlain directed the serving of punch and cookies, and teachers acted host and hostesses. These people and other and many others contributed to the success of the day.

Mr. Jetmore was master of ceremonies. The speakers were Mayor Don Ashlock, Mr. J. E. Higgins and Mr. Maurice R. Hubbard.

### LOCALS

By Miss Ross

Santa had a much easier time this year. Instead of having to go to about 300 homes to distribute his presents, he just had one chimney to come down. Having only one day for our Christmas vacation nearly all of the teachers and students remained in Olathe. On Christmas eve a program was given in our auditorium. The climax of the evening was a visit from Old Saint Nick. And the piles and piles of gifts that surrounded the Christmas tree!

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Mikesell Jr. and little daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Farlee and little son, of Belleville, came to spend Christmas-week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mikesell. They brought some home made sausage with them. If you have not had a sample, then you are just out of luck!

Miss Amy May Doctor, who will complete a normal course in the Central Institute in St. Louis next June, came home for a two weeks vacation. She brought a five-year-old deaf boy home with her. He is a bright little lad, with a keen sense of observation. Miss Amy May is proving herself a capable teacher.

In a recent letter to her parents, Kolma McIlvain Flake wrote: "Stan Laurel and Charles Chase each gave me a box of candy, and from Thelma Todd (after her death) came the most beautiful antelope bag I ever hope to see." The members of "Our Gang" gave her some real nice toys, and with toys from others her nursery looked like a toy shop.

On New Year's Eve Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Stack, Misses Downing, Hunter and Andrews, and Messrs. Hurd and Ferguson attended the watch party given by the Frats in Kansas City.

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The Simpsons, Ramseys and Mr. Kent "bridged" the old year out at the Simpson's. Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell and Mr. and Mrs. Doctor waited at the Foltz domicile for the new year to make its entrance.

At the Kansas City watch party a live turkey was given away. A Mr. Reley of Iowa held the lucky number. Being unable to take it home with him, he auctioned it off. Mrs. Florence Stack was the highest bidder. On Sunday, January 6, her children gathered at the Lamm home for a turkey dinner.

On January 2, Messrs. Foltz, Mikesell, Hurd and LaRosh attended the Kansas University—University of California basket ball game at Convention Hall in Kansas City. Some game, they said.

Mrs. Frank Doctor returned to Garnett with her folks on January 5. She remained there for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell have been treating their friends to some home made sausage that their children brought them for Christmas.

Mr. Nathan Lahn, instructor of physical education in the Iowa School, stopped over in Olathe January 5. He was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Foltz. He left the Foltz's at about four o'clock that afternoon, saying he would have to catch a train but we hear he did not leave until late that evening. Tsk, tsk, Nat, was she a blonde?

The recent cold spell proved disastrous in more ways than one. Cars were seen turning completely around on the icy pavement. One car skidded into the telephone pole in front of Mrs. Lines home, splitting the pole. (We wonder what happened to the car!) Mrs. Stack slipped on the ice near the Recreation Hall and sprained her ankle, and Mrs. Ramsey slipped on her porch steps and hurt her arm slightly.

Mr. Uel Hurd our Boy Scout Leader is taking a course in Advanced First Aid at the Chamber of Commerce building in Kansas City, Kansas. The class meets every Wednesday night. Later this month there will be a Johnson County Jamboree here in Olathe. Here's hoping Mr. Hurd's boys top the list.

Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Rice (Miss Malmrum's sister), Mrs. Menzemer and Mrs. Foltz will probably become contract experts, or at least we hope they will if they continue playing at each respective player's home. And here we are still wondering what auction is all about!

The Stags continue to meet semi-weekly. At present Mr. Foltz has the highest score with over 80,000 points for 210 games. Stanley Ferguson comes next with just a little under 80,000 points.

Starting on June 15, Mr. and Mrs. McIlvain, their son-in-law, Mr. H. M. Dresker and his friend, Mr. "Doc" Lewis made a trip to the Western Coast via the Painted Desert Park and the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

January 1, Mr. and Mrs. McIlvain had two "fly by night" visitors at their residence. Mr. Marlin Brown and Mr. Rees, both of Council Grove, Kansas, great nephews of Mr. McIlvain. They stopped here en route back home from Kansas City, Mo.

By Miss McGuffee

New Year's day was not a holiday for the teachers here but nevertheless they did go to a very nice party. Mr. E. W. Miller, Mrs. Loren Norris and Mrs. Hunter Eldridge were hostess at this lovely tea to which the teachers were invited. The school-marks donated their best bibs and tucks and attended en masse.

Miss McGee was a guest at a luncheon given by Mrs. Harvey McGee at her country home on December 28 in honor of Miss Lily Redpath a teacher in Beaver, Falls, Pennsylvania.

Misses Maud Carter, Thelma Hughes, Helen Curtis, Louise Curtis, and Mrs. Maurice Hubbard went to the city shopping Saturday, January 11.

The girls of the higher classes had the pleasure of attending Will Roger's last picture, "In Old Kentucky" one day the early part of the month. It was greatly enjoyed. Miss Washington, Miss Maddox, and Mrs. Lines accompanied the girls.

Miss June Bishop spent Christmas Day in Emporia with her father, mother, and only brother and his wife from Parco, Wyoming. This was her brother's first visit home in six years, so it was a very happy occasion for all.

One Saturday night recently, Miss Thelma Hughes had as her guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hubbard, Misses Mabel Northern, Justine Boyd, and Mary Lou McGuffee. The girls report that they had "bushes of popcorn" and "barrels of fun."

Misses Hallman and Williamson had dinner with Supe, and Mrs. Menzemer on January 9. (So that's why they "weren't feeling hungry" the next day.)

Miss Fleecy Gooch spent the week-end of Jan.



uary 11 with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoge in Topeka. We know another certain young lady who is interested in Topeka, too.

Mr. Menzemer put on a demonstration in the Presbyterian church of Iola, Kansas, on January 12. He was assisted by Miss Carter and Miss Thelma Hughes. Mary Lou McGuffee and Bill Kelly drove through with Miss Hughes to Iola and attended the demonstration.

Helen Curtis had "nervous spasms" one week early in the month as she was scheduled to give a demonstration of her pupils in the Junior High School Chapel on January 10. We hope she is able to relax now.

In spite of the zero weather, Mabel Northern donned her muffler and mittens and drove her "tin-lizze" to Lee's Summit on Christmas Day to see her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell.

Miss Rachel Foster was cast in an important part in the play "The Brat" presented by the Gardner Community Players in the auditorium of the Olathe High School on January 3. This play was sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Olathe. Too bad for Broadway that they had no scouts "looking in."

Misses Hallman, Curtis, Williamson, and McGuffee saw and enjoyed the play.

Miss Katherine Chrisman of Garden City was the guest of Miss Thelma Hughes during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Reta Williamson and Miss Helen Curtis made their "Whoopee" on New Year's Eve by attending the movies. (I think someone should look into this—just to be sure.)

Miss Louise Curtis was fortunate to be a guest for Christmas dinner in the new home of Mrs. Lines. Then, in spite of the intense cold, they motored through the city to see the lovely Christmas decorations.

Miss Vering Spear attended a birthday dinner in Kansas City on January 12, given in honor of Miss Lucille Allison. Vering seems to get around to being invited "to eat" as well as to play bridge. (Now we are jealous.)

The older girls have begun playing basket-ball on Friday nights when the gym is not otherwise occupied. Any of the feminine sex who would care to come to watch will be welcome.

Miss Ada Belle Hughes had dinner at the Plaza Saturday evening January 4. It seems that some people get all the breaks.

### AS OTHERS SEE US

Monday, December 23, Coach Johnnie Corrigan took one of its most interesting trips. The boys went to Olathe and played two games with the State School for the Deaf, winning both games. The Powhattan second won by a 23 to 10 score, while the Powhattan first team won a close game 24 to 18. The Olathe court was the largest floor the Powhattan boys have ever played on. It is 90 feet in length and 50 feet in width.

The boys arrived in Olathe at 3:30 in the afternoon and were conducted through the school with much courtesy by John Wilkerson, of the Olathe Mirror. In this school several trades, such as baking, leather working, and cabinet making are taught. The students are very efficient in these lines of work as they try very hard to excel and make up for their speech deficiency. There are 217 enrolled in school. They range in age from 4 to 21 years. It is both a boys and a girls school and the students are very interested in showing visitors their work. They smile and seem to be very happy in their school work.

Several times Mr. Wilkerson wished to stop one of the boys who had passed. It would do no good to yell so he would give his foot a quick stamp on the floor and the deaf boy would immediately turn around. They seem to have a very delicate sense of touch.

In the basket ball game the referee used a whistle. Although the deaf boys could not hear it they were very quick to sense when a foul had been called. They also have a habit of not talking back to the referee. The Olathe boys were fine sports and immediately after the game was over they rushed over and shook the hands of the Powhattan boys.

To teach in the school for the deaf it is necessary to have a college degree. The coach, Mr. Foltz, is a very fine fellow and during his college football days he received the honor of being an all-Southern end.

The distance from Powhattan to Olathe is 114 miles. The boys arrived home at 1:30 a. m. and were sure that if Santa Claus did not bring them anything, they at least have their talking and hearing faculties which seems to be very much of a gift after visiting the State School for the Deaf.—Clipping from Powhattan, Kan., Weekly.

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### SILVER vs COPPER

A big silver dollar and a little brown cent  
Rolling along together went,

Rolling along on the smooth sidewalk.

When the dollar remarked—for dollars do talk—

"You poor little cent, you cheap little mite,

"I am bigger and twice as bright.

"I am worth more than you a hundredfold,

"And written on me in letters bold

"Is the motto drawn from a pious creed,

"In God We Trust' which all may read."

"Yes, I know," said the cent,

"I'm a cheap little mite;

"And I know I'm not big, nor good, nor bright.

"And yet," said the cent, with a meek little sigh,

"You don't go to church as often as I." A. H. B.

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I believe that there is a bigger word, a better word than OPTIMISM and that word is COURAGE.

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When you look at a piece of perfect workmanship—a fine watch, a bit of carved wood, a smooth-running, noiseless motor—you often marvel at the skilled labor, the exactness, the care and the traditions that have gone into making that perfection.

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"A commonplace life," we say, and we sigh; but why should we sigh as we say? The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky makes up the commonplace day. The moon and the stars are commonplace things, and the flower that blooms and the bird that sings; but dark were the world and sad our lot if the flowers failed and the sun shone not.

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### THE SCOUTMASTER MUST BE A GOOD STORY TELLER

By ANGELO PATRI

We do not use stories enough in our teaching. A good story—and by good I mean one that fits the occasion and suits the audience—is one of the quickest, surest ways of impressing and idea upon a child's mind. If we scolded less and used stories more we would accomplish our aims sooner.

When a child indicates that he is wanting something that will do him no good, instead of a stern, "No," backed by a wordy argument it would be better to smile and say: "That reminds me of the time your Uncle Peter wanted his father, your grandfather to give him a rifle." The child will prick up his ears and listen, instead of shutting his mind down hard and resisting your sound reasoning.

The scoutmaster who wants to win and hold his boys, must be a good story teller. Of course, story telling is an art, but it can be learned by almost anyone who wants to take the trouble to master it. Some are more gifted than others, but the majority

of those who want to tell effective stories can do so, if they work at it.

The cause of most failures is a lack of preparation. It is not possible to tell a story to a group of boys or girls without having prepared it and practiced it before delivering it. It is not possible to tell a story as it is written and make a success. Parts of the written story must be left out, gaps bridged over, high points accented and vocabulary changed to meet the limitations of the audience. All this requires thoughtful reading and careful analysis and preparation. When the story is prepared for delivery it must be rehearsed. A person must get used to the sound of his own voice.

The story must be selected with regard to the tastes of the audience. Boys of 10 want a different story than that desired by older boys. Action and more action, is what is required in all the stories. What did he do? Did he win out? The adventure must be attractive, a bit dangerous. The result must be in the balance, and the hero must win through and be modest about it. Boys don't like boastful heroes. They beam with pride at Lindbergh's shy introduction of himself to the crowd gathered to receive him in France. A brave deed well done and no swagger about it.

Stories are used to point a moral. Make sure that the story is left to do its own pointing. If the teller does the pointing, the effect is lost. Stories are told to convey information. Make certain that the facts are clear while they are conveyed in happy phrases. Stories are told to entertain. Make certain that they are in good taste so that they establish a standard of entertainment that will further the child's development instead of retarding it as ill-chosen tales are likely to do so.—Kansas City Star.

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### BOY SCOUT NEWS Wayne Hostetter, Scribe

The Boy Scouts of Troop 87 are getting along very well but we have not got most of our things planned for this year. We hope that we will have them arranged by the last of January so we will have everything ready for February.

We are going to have a rally with the other Boy Scouts of Johnson County on January 28. It will be held in our gymnasium. We have been practicing since last December because we want to beat the hearing Boy Scouts in most all the things that we are going to have in the rally. We are going to have semaphore signaling, knot-tying and undress and dress relay. We will probably have something else besides. We hope that a lot of people will come.



We have been planning to go out camping and stay there over a night or two but the weather has been bad and there is too much mud on the ground. We have gone on hikes and had much fun on each one. We suppose that we will have to go on most of our camping trips next spring.

Every Friday night we go to our Boy Scout room and talk about the things that we will do in the future. After we do this our Scoutmaster, Mr. Hurd asks a boy to tell us a story so he does. We have our meeting from 7:00 o'clock till 9:00 or 10:00. After a boy tells us a story we play games and have a good time.

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We notice on the cover of the "Hartford Agent," published by the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., a good sized picture of the Hartford School for the deaf—underneath the picture it had the following to say:

### A HARTFORD SCENE IN THE EIGHTIES

This attractive old building which housed the first school for the deaf in America, founded by Dr. Thomas H. Gallaudet, stood on the site of the present Home Office Building of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. The stately elms in the foreground still grace the lawn of the Hartford's Building.

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### THEY CAN DO THINGS

A deaf man, recently deceased, made a decided success as a dentist in Oklahoma.

Another deaf man is an engineer and auto mechanic for a Pennsylvania company.

A deaf man is one of the partners in cleaning and pressing company in West Virginia, and another one manages such a business by himself in a California town, where he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Another one is an osteopath and chiropractor in a Pennsylvania town.

Tennessee has a noted architect who is a deaf man, and only recently a deaf man who has been a leading chemist for the steel companies about Chicago passed away.

Deaf ministers in the United States number a score or more.

Indianapolis has a number of shoe rebuilders doing business of their own, one of whom gained country-wide notice some years ago as an expert

remover of squeaks in creaking shoes.

A deaf man is or was some time ago, an expert "sticker" at one of the Indianapolis meat packing houses.

At Akron, O., when things were "going good," the Goodyear Rubber Company had a "flying squadron" of deaf men who were called upon to fill up the gap in emergencies in any part of the plant.

The oldest known living alumnus of the Indiana School is a successful florist, and up to a year or so ago, the another living alumnus was a successful shoe repairer operating his own shop.

An alumnus of this school is working under civil service rules at the post office in Indianapolis. He was transferred on his request to Indianapolis from the New York post office where he entered the civil service on a competitive examination.

—Silent Hoonier.

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Every outstanding success is built on the ability to do better than good enough.

An idea isn't worth much until a man is found who has the energy and ability to make it work.

Show the boss that you want to get in step with him.

What an adventure life is, if you keep yourself alert and alive.

Work is a tonic whereas inactivity and worry sign many death warrants.

Successful men do the best they can with the conditions as they find them and seldom wait for a better turn.

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### CONSULT THOSE WHO KNOW

We understand that some parents are considering the purchase of hearing aids for their children.

Before money is spent on such devices, it would be well to discuss the matter with the teacher or others who work with the child throughout the year.

Many children will say "Yes" when asked if they can hear better. True they are getting more sound which has no value in helping them to understand speech.

The child will be delighted at first, but later discards the device after its failure to aid him is discovered.

Those who work with the child nine months out of the year are qualified to judge the worth of such devices and give them a fair test. Parents may save themselves some hard earned dollars by giving this matter consideration.

—S. in Rocky Mountain Leader.

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The whole philosophy of failure can be summed up in a question of three words: "What's the use?"



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