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'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
Not even a mouse.

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### Do Parents Expect Too Much?

Some parents of deaf children are under the impression that schools for the deaf should educate their children well enough that they can measure up to the standards of the pupils in public high schools, and, at the same time equip them with enough skill and knowledge in some trade so they can make a living for themselves after they leave school.

Such an understanding on the part of the parents makes the situation difficult for both the school and the pupils. The pupils can do only as well as their abilities will allow, and the school can only go as far as its facilities will permit. If the parents must still support their children after they leave school, who is responsible? Should the entire responsibility be placed on the school? Is it possible that parents may be expecting too much of the schools for the deaf?

Are boys and girls who graduate from high schools for the hearing expected to be ready to earn a decent living for themselves? Even though some do not have the opportunity to go on to college after they graduate, they often take some kind of job in order to earn money to start their college studies. Those who do not intend to go to college spend years at apprentice work in the trade they choose, or they settle down to work at some small-salaried job such as clerking, as a filling station attendant, or

some other occupation that does not require particular skill or education. Many high school graduates are either on relief of some kind, or dependent upon their parents for support.

If public high schools are not expected to prepare boys and girls to be self-supporting, why should schools for the deaf be expected to do more? Why should parents expect the teachers of seriously handicapped children to do more with them than teachers of normal children can do with their pupils?

It may be argued that because of their handicap many occupations are closed to the deaf; and because of the limited number of things they can do, pupils in schools for the deaf can be trained, with the necessary equipment, to such an extent that they can hold down jobs as well as people who have had years of experience. Schools for the deaf could probably accept this responsibility if the deaf could work at only two or three vocations, and if all of the pupils were able to learn and enjoy these kinds of work. However, this is far from being the situation. Recent surveys have shown the fields of occupation open to the deaf to be numerous and varied. The deaf in one part of the country can get work that is not found in other parts. The rapid advances and changes in industry and manufacturing have caused many new fields





to appear in which the deaf may work. The result is that it is impossible for our schools to train pupils to step into all these jobs as fully trained workers. Especially is this true since many of them require a thousand or more hours of service as an apprentice before a novice can become a workman. Neither can a school for the deaf mold all its pupils so they will enjoy following only two or three vocations. There was a time when public high schools attempted to prepare all pupils for college, but the discovery of individual differences among children caused educators to abandon this plan of education long ago. For the same reason we can not expect all pupils in schools for the deaf to be good linotypists simply because operating a typesetting machine is one occupation where deafness is not a serious handicap.

Realizing the difficulty to be met in trying to give pupils a complete course in many vocations, some of the schools for the deaf have arranged their vocational program so the students may acquire fundamental knowledge and elementary skills which may be used in almost any kind of occupation open to the deaf. In the academic and vocational departments courses are given to train both the hand and the mind in the hope that the training given in the school will help the boy or girl learn more quickly some kind of vocation after graduation. It often happens that a graduate from one of our schools is able to work at a trade as soon as he gets his diploma, but this is not to be expected of all.

When the question arises as to why a deaf man or woman is unable to find employment it seems a bit unfair to lay all the blame on the schools. When one considers the number of people without jobs who have all their faculties, the deaf are doing well to keep the number among them as low as it is. Maybe the schools for the deaf are doing a pretty good job after all.

—W. L. F.

## THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Thanksgiving was fittingly observed with a program under the direction of Miss Bishop and Miss Foster the twenty-seventh of November.

Roy Sperry, being the announcer, announced that the program would open with a poem "Thanksgiving Day" signed by David Gough. Edward Hazen then gave a short talk on the origin and meaning of Thanksgiving Day.

"Thanksgiving Grace," a one-act play, was staged by several of our students with Ruth Williams as the mother, Harold Most as the father, Mildred Seymour as Mabel, their daughter, Maude Weber as the Scotch fairy queen, and Dorothy Weber, Marjorie Srack and Margaret Hanrahan as her three fairy helpers.

The curtain parted with Mabel chopping hash and complaining because that was all she was going to have for her Thanksgiving dinner. When father came home from work he brought a Thanksgiving card from Mabel from her teacher. It had a verse called "Scotch Grace" on it. Mabel repeated the verse, chopping in tune to it, not knowing she was giving a magic knock. A Scotch fairy appeared. The fairy told Mabel she would grant her three wishes, one at a time—never two.

Mabel's first wish was for a big dinner of turkey, gravy, vegetables, and pumpkin pie. She had her wish, but found she could not eat, so she wished for a great big appetite. As soon as that wish was granted, the first wish disappeared, fairies and all. Mabel was angry, but remembering she had one wish left, she wished to wake up and find it all a dream. That wish was also granted. The play closed with Mabel exclaiming how good the small meal they were having looked—even the hash—and all three of them saying the Scotch grace.

The theme of the play was that some people had meat and could not eat and some

there were who wanted it, but we have meat and we can eat, so we should be thankful.

The program ended with Charles Bennett signing "God Bless America."

Each did his or her part well and everybody enjoyed it all.—Mildred Seymour.

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## ALUMNI

After the Kansas-Illinois game which ended in a tie, the rooms of the *Les Sons* Club soon filled with visitors from near and far for refreshments and a get-together social. The main attraction was the drawing of prizes, which took place at about 9:30. The first number drew a quarter for Mrs. Kolma Flake, Los Angeles, California; the next, a half dollar for Frank Herrig, Kansas City, Missouri; then three quarters for "Sonny," son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Malm, Topeka, Kansas; a dollar for J. Ben King, our business manager, and the last number for the quilt proved to be held by Mrs. Kolma Mellvain Flake. A movie was shown of Dr. Tom Anderson, principal of the vocational department of the Iowa School and recently elected president of the National Association of the Deaf, as he gave a most interesting account of the doings at the N. A. D. convention. All in all, everybody seems to have had a most enjoyable time, despite the tie game.

Mr. Charles H. Whipple and Miss Ruby Brian took the vows in a wedding ceremony at the residence of the bride's sister October 24, in Ogden, Utah, the home town of the bride. Until last May, Mr. Whipple lived in Los Angeles, California. For the present, they will live in Ogden.

The Preps at Gallaudet College held their election of class officers, resulting in the election of Miss Ruth Benoit, vice-president, and Mr. Willis Ayers, treasurer. It seems that Willis is going under an alias,

that of "William," just why, we fathom not.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dreyer, Topeka, Kansas, were guests of the Mellvains at their residence during the Homecoming celebration. Mr. Dreyer still holds down his job at the State Printer, where Mr. J. N. Malm also is employed.

Perhaps there are many of the deaf of Kansas who would like to know something about a certain young man who graduated from K. S. D. in 1921 and received his A.B. degree at Gallaudet College five years later. We have reference to Mr. Henry Yahn. He is a "light under a bushel" as far as he is concerned, when he is not in Lawrence, Kansas. We had the good fortune to discuss world affairs with him not many months ago and we found him talkative on most things. However, he is a man who sticks to his convictions as long as he sees no good reason to change. He has been a farm hand near Lawrence for several years. Say girls, he is eligible; bashful, but approachable.

Friends of Mr. Adolph Geier here have received cards announcing his marriage to Miss Belle Conklin, a former student of the Oklahoma School, November 18. They are living at 1112 North Market Street, Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Geier is an expert cabinet-maker in a furniture factory there.

Married, Sunday afternoon, November 17, 1940, Miss Martha Belle Case, Osawatomie, Kansas, to Mr. Robert Gaunce, Kansas City, Missouri. It was a church wedding, attended by a large crowd of relatives and friends. The services were read by Rev. Mr. Ferber. Congratulations and best wishes go to the couple from all who know them.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. Joel Piatt in the unfortunate death of his wife, who was aphaxiated in the kitchen of their home in Detroit, Michigan, November 7. The daughter, aged 24, and her son, aged 2

years, were overcome apparently as a result of a leaking gas pipe, but were revived by a rescue squad from the fire department.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Dora Benoit Laramie, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Tuesday afternoon, November 19. She had been on a visit with her parents in Salina, Kansas, and as time for her return to her home was approaching, she couldn't think of so doing without making a call here. Needless to say that her many old friends among the teachers and employees were very glad to see her and talk with her again. Others were pleased to make her acquaintance. It will be remembered that last summer her sister, Ola, was married to a Mr. Brown of Indianapolis, Indiana, not long after she stepped down and out of Gallaudet College with a B. A. degree. Last autumn, her youngest sister, "Baby Ruth," entered the college and we presume she has been hearing tales about Dora and Ola. The Benoit sisters are mighty fine girls and a credit to the school that helped them on the road to their enviable places in the world. "Baby Ruth" will not fail us.

Some time ago we had the rare pleasure of a visit to the Foltz ranch of 640 acres near Eureka, Kansas. If there is anything the writer of this article likes it is a sojourn on a ranch or farm, especially where there are hills, trees, and a stream of sparkling water. Since inheriting the place, brother and sister Foltz have been putting in what moneys come from the ranch in improvements and stock. For a beginning, the stock now are registered Hampshire pigs, the only breed within a radius of miles. Most of the land is pasture with plenty of luxuriant prairie grass. Below a bluff are many beautiful trees through which a good sized stream meanders. On this bottom land crops are raised when the elements are just right; one never failing crop is alfalfa. The residence is a two-story house in rather good repair with a tenant house a little way to the south. While there, we

decided to scale the steep bluff, something Eddie and Fern had been intending to do some day. Whew! We made it all right but arrived at the top, huffing and puffing, we were dismayed at the prospect of scrambling down again.

The Wichita deaf have organized a club, modeled after the *Les Sourds* Club, and elected Mr. Victor Hottle president. They meet at 328 North Main Street Saturday nights. Report is to the effect that it is meeting with much encouragement and success.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Grier, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Whitlock, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyer and small daughter, Messrs. Gus Falke and Victor Hilderman and Miss Mina Munz were *Les Sourds* Club visitors Sunday night, December 1. All except the Millers returned to their homes the same night; the Millers departing the following morning from the Mellvain residence.

Heartfelt sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Malm in their bereavement over the death, from infantile paralysis, of their twelve-year-old son, Joseph N. Malm, Jr. He died Saturday morning, November 30, after a short illness. The other boy is reported improving. We hope that he recovers without any physical defects.

During his four days of Thanksgiving vacation at his home in Norton, Kansas, Mr. William Wingfield availed himself of the opportunity to visit the deaf patients at the State Sanitarium, located several miles from Norton. He found Miss Mary Morley feeling better and cheerful as usual. Miss Morley informed Mr. Wingfield that two or three of her ribs would be removed sometime this December and that after the operation, she would room with Mrs. Kearney Brown, nee Delia Smith, who, also is there for treatment and is also on the mend. They asked Mr. Wingfield to convey their

greetings and kindest regards to all who know them. What do you readers say to sending Christmas cards to Miss Mary Morley and Mrs. Delia Brown in care of the State Sanitarium, Norton, Kansas? We are for it a hundred per cent.

Mr. John Crowley, Denison, Kansas, in renewing his subscription to THE KANSAS STAR, wrote that he had been to Holton, Kansas, July 27, and met three deaf people there. It is our guess that it was the first time he had the pleasure of meeting with the deaf in a long time, as Denison is a small town. He wants to know who remembers him. There are a few namely, Hubbard, Dold, Mellvain, Foster, still on the teaching staff, and others who were here when John was one of the youngsters and, of course, they remember him.

### SPORTS

#### K. S. D. 12 Haskell Institute 31

The Jackrabbits journeyed to Lawrence, Kansas, the evening of November 6, where they played the Haskell Institute under lights.

Before the game started members of the Haskell band, in their black and gold uniforms, marched out on the field from the east end and marched toward the west end of the field playing selections that had been chosen for the occasion. When the band had reached the west end it stopped. The lights of the stadium were turned out and from above the beautiful arch at the west end a flag-raising ceremony took place. While the flag was being hoisted the band played the "Star Spangled Banner." At the end of the ceremony the lights were turned on again and the band proceeded to march off the field. The two opposing teams then came out on the field. In the first period K. S. D. defended the east end and Haskell the west. John Mog booted the ball for a total of fifty yards as the game got under way. It was taken by

Haskell on its own five-yard line and was advanced a yard before a fumble was made and the ball recovered by K. S. D. A few plays later John Mog managed to break through the center of the line and go over. K. S. D. was ahead, 6 to 0.

After K. S. D. had failed to convert the extra point and had kicked to Haskell, the Indians began to make big gains. A touchdown was scored by Haskell on a long end run of 67 yards. This evened the score, 6 to 6. Haskell scored again in the initial quarter on a long pass. This gave them a lead, 12 to 6. In the second quarter both teams scored a touchdown bringing the count up to K. S. D. 12 and Haskell 18. At the half the Haskell band again marched out on the field and put on a show. In the third quarter both teams struggled to score, first one team having the ball and then the other. However, neither side could advance the ball far enough within the opponents' territory to score. In the fourth and final period Haskell made good ground gains from scrimmage and chalked up thirteen points to give them a lead of 31 to 12. Our boys tried their best to score, but the Indian defense was just too much for them and so the game ended with the score K. S. D. 12 to Haskell 31. We must give praise to the K. S. D. boys tho, for they really got in there and played a fine game at times in spite of their being handicapped with numerous injuries.

#### 1940-41 Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Where played
Dec. 10—	Paola High	here
Dec. 18—	Bonner Springs High	Bonner Springs
Jan. 17—	Paola High	Paola
Jan. 22—	Benton High	St. Joseph
Jan. 24—	Bonner Springs High	here
Jan. 25—	Haskell Indians	here
Jan. 28—	Stanley High	here
Jan. 31—	Oswatimie High	here
Feb. 1—	Haskell Indians	Lawrence
Feb. 8—	Benton High	here
Feb. 14-15—	Midwest Tournament	Sioux Falls, S. D.

Additional games are being scheduled at present and we hope in the January issue of the STAR to be able to present a complete schedule.



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#### Notice to Parents

Again we request that parents be most careful to keep their children away from communicable diseases during the holidays. The success of a holiday is largely dependent upon the health of the boys and girls when they return to school.

We are sure that each parent would want all other parents to be careful about this, for the protection of their own children.

We sincerely thank all the parents who cooperated with us so well during the Thanksgiving vacation. Practically all of the children were in school Monday morning.

*Every child, unless ill, is expected to be in his place for school Monday morning, January 6, following the Christmas holidays.*

#### Greetings

The season's greetings to all STAR readers everywhere. May the year to come be the happiest any of us has ever experienced. In the light of what is happening in the Old World it may seem a bit trite to make such a statement, but we are wishing it just the same. At least, we Americans are in as good or a better position to wish for happiness than people of any other country.

#### Convention

At the invitation of Mr. Truman L. Ingle, superintendent of the Missouri School, the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf will hold its next meeting at Fulton, Missouri, June 23-27, 1941. This is a worthy organization and deserves the support of everyone who has chosen the education of the deaf as his or her profession.

For the benefit of our readers who have not had the opportunity to learn just what this organization is for, we quote from the AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF: "The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, founded in 1850 and incorporated by act of Congress in 1897, is an organization of educators of the deaf in the United States and Canada with the general object of 'promotion of the education of the deaf on the broadest, most advanced, and practical lines,' and for that purpose 'to secure the harmonious union, in one organization, of all persons actually engaged in educating the deaf in America.'"

The teachers of our school are glad the meeting will be so near. Plans are being made for all to attend.

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#### Tuberculosis

A cut of the 1940 Christmas Seal, with the slogan "Help to protect your home from tuberculosis," appeared in the last issue of the STAR. In line with this all pupils, employees, and faculty members of the School were given the Wollman patch test for the presence of tuberculosis germs. A very small percentage showed a positive reaction to the test and steps were immediately taken to remove all danger of contagion. In other words, since this is the "home" of our deaf children, we are protecting it from tuberculosis.

#### Contest

Mr. Quigley is offering cash prizes of one dollar each to not more than five pupils who write the best articles for the STAR. The winners' efforts will occupy the feature section of the April issue and our readers can see for themselves what these young Kansans can do. A contest of this kind stimulates interest and encourages those who have ability to do their best.

#### Permission to Leave the Campus

There still seems to be some confusion about permits to leave the campus. For the protection of the children in our care we must of necessity have written permission from parents if children are to visit friends or relatives. It is impossible for us to know everybody. It disappoints us greatly to say no to the child who wants to visit a friend and we do not have permission for this to be done.

We would appreciate notes from parents who anticipate entertaining pupils in their homes. We sometimes are at a loss to know the best procedure when we have permission from the parent for the child to visit

another home, but we don't know whether the parent in the other home expects this pupil. Attention to this detail will save many disappointments for the students. Address all communications to the superintendent.

#### Bandit

Miss Gertrude McCarthy, our school matron, had quite an experience the night of December 8. She was returning from town on the south side of Park Street, the street in front of the School, when a young man stepped from some nearby shadow and while holding a gun, or something which resembled a gun, pressed against her, demanded all the money she had. She was forced to hand over a small amount of silver. He insisted that she give him her paper money, but she told him she had none. Crouching low he said, "You go, and keep going." Miss McCarthy walked the remainder of the distance to the administration building of the School and from there she phoned the police. The next morning the sheriff brought a seventeen or eighteen-year-old boy for her to identify, but she said the boy was too young. Miss McCarthy said she was not certain if the man had a gun or not, but she did not think it was worth risking her life to find out.

#### Frances Alma Ula

An eight and three-fourths pound baby girl was born to the Uel Hurds a little while before ten o'clock Monday morning, the ninth of December. Mr. Hurd says they have named the little girl Frances Alma. In explanation of the odd name he said it would be easy for him to call her when he wanted her. Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hurd and may this little bundle from heaven be a source of much joy to them in years to come.



### SIDELINES

With increasing publicity given to the use of wearable hearing aids many parents are beginning to look into their merits with the idea of purchasing them for their deaf or hard-of-hearing children. Parents have asked our advice. We think this is the first step that should be taken, for we are in a position to be of considerable assistance, as we know something of hearing aids, and of deaf children, too.

It is to be regretted that there are salesmen who will sell an instrument to parents without regard to the child's ability to use that instrument with value to himself. Most companies are careful to do the right thing, but there are salesmen who overstep their province in their zeal to make a sale.

A child does not necessarily "hear" because he responds to a hearing aid stimulus. Parents should not allow themselves to be sold when this is the only test of the instrument's ability.

We are not agents for hearing aid companies, but if a parent asks us what we recommend, we are happy to give them a list of names so that they can make their own investigation. We are interested in the welfare of the deaf child to the extent that we want to prevent a misfit if we can. We know of instances when parents have thrown away a hundred or two hundred dollars on an instrument that turned out to be of no value to the child, largely because he was not the "type" to use one. This damages the faith people have in such instruments where they can be used.

There is a great future for wearable hearing aids when the instruments are properly fitted and intelligently used. We know of one state school for the deaf that contemplates the purchase of a number of individual hearing aids as an experiment in that school. We will watch the progress of this experiment with great interest.

We consider it our obligation to help in every way in matters of this kind. Please feel free to write us or to visit us when con-

templating the purchase of a hearing aid.

The newspapers are reporting a mounting list of influenza cases throughout America. This is a warning we must heed, especially parents of deaf children. Last year, in spite of our efforts to prevent sickness, we had a large number of sick children right after the holidays. It is hard to realize how important it is to let us know if a child has not been feeling well before he returns to school, but such information sent to us might prevent a great deal of sickness and loss of school time.

Won't you please use every precaution to keep your child well when he is home for the holidays? Especially remember that he comes from a steam heated dormitory and it is easy to become exposed in a home where there is no steam heat.

It was our pleasure recently to visit the schools for the deaf in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma. We acquired many ideas useful to us, and we became acquainted with fellow-workers we had heard about but had not met. We learned that many of our difficulties are common to all schools, and that after all is said and done, most of us are working toward the same goals, but perhaps using different materials.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the superintendents of these schools and their wives for their splendid hospitality.

Although we have seen many of you to wish you a Merry Christmas, we so greet all of our readers. The times in which we live call for a better understanding of the Christmas meaning, but do not hinder our hope that you will have the happiest celebration ever.

The few parents who see us at Christmas time know how attractive the boys and girls make their dormitories. We wish all parents could see this. The front of the main building is decorated with an illuminated Santa riding in his sleigh drawn by reindeer. Christmas colored lights illuminate the two evergreen trees near the front steps. The pupils' reading rooms are adorned with tin-

sel, bells, and all materials of Christmas time.

The dining rooms have trees that are lighted each meal time.

The final Christmas program, ending in the distribution of bags of candy, oranges and nuts to all the pupils, ends the children home the next day with the feeling that they have indeed entered into the holiday spirit.

—H. M. Q.

### LOCALS

The following items were collected and written by the members of the graduating class.

Mrs. Muir, a member of the Board of Regents, accompanied by Miss Mary Ryan of Kansas City, visited our school Thursday, November 14. They had lunch at noon with the officers.

Miss G. McCarthy's sister, Miss Teresa McCarthy of Topeka, visited her November 10. We hope that her sister had a delightful visit here.

Mrs. Simpson, our English teacher, seems a stranger to us because her face looks strange. She has a big cut over her right eye and bruises below her eyes.

She has two new plants in her schoolroom. One of them is a pink primrose given by the three classes, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior, and a cyclamen given by the deaf club.

Mr. Fair is going to be a good man forever. Mr. and Mrs. King took Mr. and Mrs. Fair with them for a ride. They went to Lansing, Kansas, to visit the state penitentiary, the federal penitentiary and the federal military prison at Leavenworth. After Mr. Fair saw what is done to criminals, he decided it is best to be a good man.

On the afternoon of Armistice Day, Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle and Miss Bishop drove Miss Bishop's Dodge, which seems new to them, to visit her mother and father. In spite of the snow and cold wind, they took Miss Bishop's parents for a ride which they enjoyed very much.

Friday night, November 8, Mr. and Mrs. Moberly attended the Philharmonic Concert in the Music Hall with their friends from Kansas City. Saturday night, November 9, they, too, attended the Coronation Ball at the American Royal in Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. Sunday, November 10, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Moberly were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moberly at Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Melvain were "alone" for the first time since they became parents in 1904. Their three daughters were in Los Angeles, California, to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with a reunion at the home of Kolma. The granddaughter was there, too, to play with her little cousin.

Mrs. Stack went to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend a wedding. She saw Martha Belle Case and Robert Gaunce as they were married. She gave a gift to Martha Belle because she had taught her how to cook before Martha Belle left school. She gave a cook book to Martha.

Mrs. Ward Dennis of Wichita visited friends and relatives in Olathe Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Dennis spent Armistice vacation with her mother, Mrs. Naylor, and her sister, Mrs. W. G. Leavel.

Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Miller were guests at a luncheon at the Kansas City Club one Saturday.

The teachers, who are eating in the domestic science dining room, are glad to have Mrs. Stack and Mrs. Simpson with them again.

Miss Gregg was not on hand when we tried to secure news for the STAR, but from other sources we found out that she had her Thanksgiving turkey with friends in Kansas City, Missouri.

The newlyweds of our school, Mr. and Mrs. William Scherman spent their Thanksgiving holiday with Mrs. Scherman's sister in Garnett.

Mrs. Scherman says it is grand being married and having a husband she can call her own. She says her husband makes a living by painting trucks bearing the "Manor is Good Bread" sign.

Our new gas fired boilers do much better than coal. They are cleaner than old ones. I suppose Mr. Ekengren sits all the time and does not need to shovel coal.

The members of the *Les Souds* Club started to play cooncan November 18. They hope the tournament continues through the winter. The highest winners will get prizes.

Mr. E. A. Burch will have turkey dinner with his son, Leonard, who will go to Little Rock, Arkansas, to an army camp. Another son, Billie, and his wife will also be guests.

Some time last month Mrs. Cranwill had a fall down the steps near Mr. Quigley's apartment. The result was a badly sprained right ankle and a few bruises. We are glad it was not any worse. After this, watch your step, Mrs. Cranwill.

Miss Kellogg, like many people, spent the tenth of November watching the American Royal parade in Kansas City. She said she enjoyed it very much.

Mr. Herbert Brock, his mother and father went to Kansas City, Sunday, the 7th of November. They visited Mrs. Leon Harris, and they had dinner together. After the dinner they went to see the wed-





ding of Mr. Gaunce and Miss Case. At four o'clock they went to the art museum to see the art exhibits.

Miss Curtiss and Miss Warren went to Kansas City one Saturday and had a real Chinese dinner at King Fong's. Then they saw the picture "Bitter Sweet" with Nelson Eddy and Jeannette MacDonald. The music was beautiful.

Miss Maddox went to Lawrence, Kansas, to see the game between Haskell and our school.

### AMONG OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Benny Root, Howard Barker, and I have been trying to work some cross-word puzzles that come in the daily newspapers. We have very little luck as our vocabulary is somewhat limited; especially mine. But it is fun to try and it is also educational. —Edward Hazen.

When my class entered Mrs. Moberly's room, she passed us the Current Events. In my paper, I read the following joke:

*Scoutmaster:* "If an electric train was going 30 miles an hour and the wind was blowing 40 miles an hour with the train." (I do not mean this is a problem in algebra.) "Well," he said, "Would the smoke go forward or backward?"

*First Scout* said that the smoke would go straight up.

*Second Scout* said that it would go backward.

*Third Scout* said that it would go forward.

The scoutmaster told them they were all wrong. There would be no smoke from an electric train. —Howard Barker.

In the cabinet shop I am making a mahogany Victorian stool. Mr. Hurd, the instructor, helps me when I get stuck on knotty problems in making parts of it. Making the legs for the stool is the hardest part that I have encountered so far. It is not finished but I expect to finish it about December 18. —Harry Morton Sponable, Jr.

Mr. Daniels gave Mr. Fair five Star Scout badges. Mr. Fair gave them to five boys. That means we have passed our tests and have now become Star Scouts. Now we are trying to be Life Scouts. We have to pass five more merit tests to become Life Scouts. Most of the boy scouts are trying to become Eagle Scouts. Bill Wingfield is an Eagle scout. He is the first deaf boy in our school to get this badge. —Billy Nedrow.

Here's something to guess about.

This girl is very beautiful but vain. Her hair

is blonde and naturally curly. The other day she went to town and entered a cafe. What do you think she bought? —A bowl of chili!

Now, I think she might be like Gretil who always sez—"You are hair in my soup!" for—what did she find in the chili?—You guessed it—A hair!!!

—Raleigh Most.

Thursday morning we went to the auditorium. Mr. Fair spoke to us. His subject was "Are you a procrastinator?" No, I do not procrastinate, for I have studied hard for my merit badges. Then Mr. Fair told about the boy scouts who had received Star badges. He asked the following boys to go to the platform: Alvin O'Connor, Jim Willson, Billy Nedrow, Robert Munz and me. Then Principal Fair introduced Scoutmaster Hurd who then handed us badges which show we have reached Star rank. All the students cheered. —Duane Wright.

After supper Virginia Lee Cline played with Odessa Brown's "Lone Ranger" gun. I asked her to let me try it and she gave it to me. Evelyn Thaeete saw it and asked me to let her try it too, so I did. Evelyn was in the Junior room. This gave me a good idea. I ran down the stairs and told Edna Doop and Wilma Lewallen that there was danger in the Junior room. They ran to the door. They were really scared because Evelyn was pointing the gun straight at them. She wanted to see if they would be scared. I laughed at them for being so afraid of a play gun. —Rena Bargana.

I found the following verse in a newspaper. I enjoyed it so much that I am passing it on to you.

"GOOSEY, GOOSEY, GANDER"

"Goosey, Goosey, Gander,

Where next will Hitler wander?

Upstairs and downstairs,

And into the English Chamber.

I hope he meets a tall man

Who's brave and boldly dares

To grab him by his left leg

And throw him down the stairs."

—Charles Bennett.

I am growing so fast that my pants are getting short, but I am still a runt. But anyway I like to wear short pants. Some other boys are playing "copy cat" and wearing short pants like I do. I am surprised that the girls like to see the boys wearing short pants like that. I think the short pant style is spreading in the United States. Maybe it's because of the depression. "Spore?" —John Mog.

I got a letter from my sister. She said that my two brothers might have to go to the training camp. It is funny, but true, that I never even thought about them having to go to war. I know my folks really need them at home. I will miss them very much even though I have been here at school for many years and have not been with them as much as I would like to have been.

My cousin, Wilma, who lives in Nebraska, had announced to her relatives and friends that she would get married but her fiancé was called to go to a training camp so their wedding was postponed. She will have to wait until he returns from camp.

—Ellen Rogers.

One day when we, the girls of my class, were in the domestic science department, we baked a cake. Mrs. Norris, our teacher, told Margaret to get a bottle of vanilla for the cake. She went to the cupboard and looked for vanilla. Guess what she brought to Mrs. Norris. A jar of vinegar instead of vanilla!

—Evelyn Thaeete.

One day I was silly and asked Evelyn a question. I asked her if she had five oranges, three peaches, two apples and seven pears, how many would she have in all? She replied, "Salad." How smart she is!

—Margaret Hanrahan.

Since William Brown came into our class, we do not have the even number of ten any more. He says he is doing fine. The boys are glad because there are now four boys in All and seven girls. —Eva Sherffius.

Sunday afternoon, November 24, Eva Sherffius, Wilma Lewallen, Ellen Rogers, and I went over to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Laughlin's home to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rushing and their new boy. They live with the Laughlins. Mrs. Rushing and her baby were doing fine. The baby weighs four pounds. He is really small like a doll. He is very cute. They gave him the name of Tom after Mr. Tom Laughlin. They are very proud of their son. Mrs. Laughlin has been nursing Mrs. Rushing. She told us that she would bring her baby here to let the pupils see him when it is much warmer. —Dorothy Taker.

A few weeks ago Mr. Foltz gave us the names of angles. He asked Raleigh Most how to spell hypotenuse but Raleigh spelled it wrong. He spelled hipopotamus. All the pupils in my class laughed at him. He blushed. Mr. Foltz told him that he must write hypotenuse many times. Poor boy!

—Dorothy Jackson.

I asked a little boy what he thought Armistice Day meant. He said that on Armistice Day all the soldiers who had died came from their graves. I told him that it did not mean that and then I explained that Armistice Day means we honor ALL the soldiers who have fought and died on the battlefields in defense of our United States. —Harold Most.

Mr. Foltz will pick boys from the intermediate department to begin learning how to play basketball. There are about thirty boys now who are trying to learn the game. They want to learn all the old and new tricks. —Joe Bridgeford.

One day as we went into the dining room for dinner I saw Mildred turn suddenly to Wilma and ask her what dessert she thought we would have. Wilma said to her, "Gobbler blackberries." Mildred and I burst out laughing at her. She told us that she did not mean that it was cobbler blackberries but she didn't say just what she meant. We think she meant she would gobble it up quick. Do you wonder that we teased her? —Lillian Andrews.

Eight boy scouts went to Lawrence, Kansas, to watch the football game between Oklahoma University and Kansas University on November 16. We went there in Mr. Hurd's and Mr. Foltz's cars. It was rainy. We felt uncomfortable. Early in the first quarter, we saw two men with a cardboard box over them. There was a hole for each man to see through without getting his clothes wet. That was better than the others who used umbrellas. Next time I go to a game, I will take a cardboard box along if it is rainy. Won't others be jealous? Ha! Ha! —Alvin O'Connor.

The football season is over and we boys are practicing basketball. It seems that the practice is more difficult than last year but it gives us good exercise. One evening Mr. Foltz taught the boys how to shoot a goal and then how to throw a ball the right way. Mr. Foltz will teach us more. He hopes the boys will follow his rules. The boys seem to be fast at times and we hope to continue until we are very skillful. —Bernard Goetting.

I thought and thought for a new item but it seemed to me that my brain would not work after so many examinations. Finally I thought of my oldest brother who is so proud of his first child. It is a girl and her name is Patricia May Williams. My brother, Arthur, has taken many pictures of his baby and sent them to my mother and she sent some of them on to me. She is a dear. Maybe Arthur, his wife, and his baby will come home for Christmas. They live in New York. I can hardly wait to go home to see Patricia. —Ruth Williams.

One time the Group I girls went to the gym and played "Goul Hi." It is a funny game and almost like basketball. My side won the game. The score was 28 to 23. Many girls were stiff and sore the next morning. —June Rubeling.

I am learning how to draw pictures and paint with oils. Yesterday morning I drew a picture of Bernard





Goetting's face and painted it. I will attend Wichita University next summer. —Jim Willison.

Some days ago Lillian Andrews and I were talking about how glass was made. Lillian spelled "grass" instead of "glass." I guess she thinks glass is made of grass. Oh gee! I wish she could visit a place where glass is made. Lillian, you'd better be careful the next time when you spell glass. —Wilma Lewallen.

One day Raleigh showed me a picture from a "Life" magazine. A man was trying to put his teeth on a knife sharpener to make his teeth straight. Raleigh told me that he intended to go to the shop and try to sharpen his teeth like the man did. Do you think he needs to straighten his teeth? —Ellen Rogers.

### SEA SCOUT PARTY

We had a Sea Scout party last Saturday night. We invited Mr. and Mrs. Fair, Mr. and Mrs. Jetmore, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Miss Ross, and our girl friends. At the beginning of the party we stood at attention and saluted the United States flag as Bill Wingfield gave the "Oath of Allegiance." After the flag salute, we danced with the girls. Thaine Ayers called, "Stop," and we had a new game. On the center post of the Recreation Hall, a wooden rotating disc had been attached. To this the boys fastened six pieces of wood. Under the end of each piece some rope was fastened. The dancers took hold of the rope and marched around in a circle. It looked like a large steering wheel on a ship.

After the wheel dance, some boys took off the pieces of wood and other boys put the rope near the pole. Then we again danced. We danced as jitterbugs and some danced like they do at a barn dance. My shirt got wet and my face got wet, too. I had only a little rest. I danced too much. I taught some girls how to jitterbug. Oh boy, we had lots of fun! Some of the boys and girls said that we had such fun because some of us liked the jitterbug better than other dances. I like to dance the jitterbug, too.

After the dance, we went to the main building and the boys went to their rooms. We talked about the Sea Scout party. We did not go to sleep until about eleven o'clock because the boys talked about the party. When I slept, I dreamed about the jitterbug. I am anxious to go home and dance the jitterbug at my home. I hope that I will have lots of fun. —Paul Barnes.

### THE ELEPHANT

October 30, Bud Anderson, a circus operator, put one of his trained elephants through an act for the amusement of us pupils. He brought the elephant

here to the school from Emporia. The elephant performed on the football field. It stood on its fore feet and steadied itself by its trunk; then reared up on its hind legs for a few seconds. It lay down over the trainer, then arose bringing the trainer to his feet by means of its trunk. The trainer walked ahead of the elephant swinging his hook or cane and the elephant waltzed along behind showing all its wrinkles.

It was of huge size, the largest of a herd of seven and weighs 9,500 pounds. The trip to Olathe was expensive as they paid \$110, or over a dollar a mile to bring it from Emporia to Olathe. It was brought to Olathe and taken to all the schools here in order that all the pupils might see it. We hope the children in the public schools enjoyed the elephant as much as we did. —Edward Hazen.

### OUR LAST GAME WITH WASHINGTON RURAL TEAM

On November 15 our team played a football game against the Washington Rural team. Mr. Foltz, our coach, told our team that it was our last game, and we must fight hard to win it.

After the kick-off the opponents had the ball. They made several attempts to smash through our line. Soon they ran for a touchdown by using a forward pass. The score was 6 to 0 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter our team did some fine blocking. John Mog, our halfback, ran for a touchdown from the 30-yard line. He also made an extra point by a place-kick. The score was now 7 to 6 in our favor.

In the third and fourth quarters our team kept improving and we made many gains. The final score was 13 to 6. Our team had won a victory in the last game! —Bill Brown.

### A Merry Christmas

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### PUPILS IN ATTENDANCE

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Auldridge, Donald	Crabb, Karen	Lightfoot, Tommy	Reading, Naomi
Baird, Ruth Ann	Cruce, Bobby Joe	Lile, Helen Louise	Simpson, Mary Kay
Baird, Sue	Curley, Harold	Maelzer, Thaine	Smith, Linn
Baker, Robert	DeMotte, Mary Jean	Millner, Kenneth	Smith, Peggy
Ball, Billy Jim	Duffer, Eugene	Mog, Suzanne	Sommers, Donald
Barnes, Kathryn	Ellerman, Carl	Morris, Barbara	Stanfield, Paul
Barton, Dorothy	Hake, James	Mullens, Mildred	Tobiason, Charlotte
Bell, Denzel	Heda, Gladys	O'Brien, Alsin	Vann, Charles
Blaser, Dewane	Johnston, Peggy	Olson, Herbert	Weber, Adolph
Bowers, Elmer	Knoll, Clarence	Phillips, Doris	Weber, Vincent
Brooks, Dean	Koester, Elinor	Pope, Charles	Werner, Paul
Brooks, Shirley Jean	Koops, Joyce	Pratt, Donald	West, Billy
Brown, Hazel	Lewis, Wilma J.	Rader, Merle	Williams, Alice
Buttermore, Keith			

#### INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Barker, Neal	Ericks, Richard	Mathis, Edward	Randall, Jack
Baugh, Helen	Glover, Helen	Martin, Louis	Randall, Jimmy
Becker, Betty	Graves, Clifford	Matthews, Keith	Reading, Audrey
Bowles, Daniel	Graybill, Erlene	McCollum, Betty Lou	Rose, Carl
Browning, Roland	Harden, Norman	McCullough, Jean Ann	Ruby, George
Carr, Albert	Harper, Phyllis	McGarry, Patty	Schuler, Wilbur
Cervantes, Blaz	Heidebrecht, Harvey	McGlynn, Lawrence	Smith, Marian
Childs, Frankie	Hensley, Betty J.	McGlynn, Lois	Stoecklein, Richard
Cox, Kenneth	Jantz, Robert Lee	McGlynn, Marvin	Taylor, Kathryn
Crabb, Jerry	Klepper, Elvera	McMichael, Eldon	Tory, Betty
Culver, Kenneth	Kious, Norma Lea	Miller, Bobby Jo	Weaver, Wyatt
Detrich, Helen Lou	Kirkpatrick, John	Mog, Francis	Weber, Dorothy
Detrich, Billy	Knap, Flourine	Nichols, Jimmy	Whitaker, Stanley
Dickey, Finis	Koops, Carol	Olson, Leonard	Williams, Mary Ellen
Duncan, Earl	Lehr, Frankie	Plake, Clifford	Zinn, Marguerite
Ehrlich, Esther	Longdon, Sherman	Pope, Dick	
Ehrlich, Marvin	Martin, Junior		

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Andrews, Lillian	DeVatz, James	Lambert, Ruby	Rogers, Ellen
Bargagna, Rena	Detrich, Robert	Lewallen, Wilma	Root, Benny
Barker, Elsie	Doonan, Bill	Lewis, Helen	Rubeling, June
Barker, Howard	Doop, Edna Mae	Lichtenberger, Billy	Seymour, Mildred
Barnes, Jeanne	Eilts, Edward	Long, Lois Adele	Sherffius, Eva
Barnes, Paul	Fester, Norma Lea	Martinez, Ramon	Sperry, Roy
Baugh, Rosa	Funk, Donald	McIntire, Howard	Smith, Maxine
Bennett, Charles	Goetting, Bernard	Merritt, Bobby	Sponable, Harry
Bollig, John	Gough, David	Mog, John	Stack, Marjorie
Boone, Gene	Graybill, Georgetown	Most, Harold	Tasker, Dorothy
Bradshaw, Billy	Green, Darrell	Most, Raleigh	Thaete, Evelyn
Bridgeford, Joe	Hannahan, Margaret	Munz, Robert	Thompson, Virginia
Brown, Odessa	Hazen, Edward	Nedrow, Billy	Weber, Betty
Brown, William	Hazen, Mary	O'Connor, Alvin	Weber, Maude
Carter, Mark	Jackson, Dorothy	Peknik, George	Williams, Ruth
Cline, Virginia	Johnson, Arnold	Pope, Emma	Willison, James
Corbet, Arland	Klingensmith, Billy	Rathburn, Charles	Wright, Duane

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