

We Go Home  
December 22.  
Tears. Yeah?

# Holly THE Leaf

We Come Back  
January 4.  
Smiles. Yeah!

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## MESSRS. REIGNER, NORMAN SPEAK AT ASSEMBLY

### Men Stress Need of More Extensive Education Than Book Knowledge Alone

"When Are We Educated" and "Some Phases of Education" were the subjects discussed by Mr. Charles G. Reigner, President of the H. M. Rowe Publishing Company, and Mr. E. H. Norman, President of the Baltimore Business College, during their visit to our school and assembly on December 8. Everyone knows that education in the real sense is hard to define; in fact, there are few people who have an adequate conception of its true meaning. These gentlemen who are vitally associated with education and its trends by profession and interest, delved into the intricacies and hidden meanings of the word and brought out many fundamental facts for our consideration.

The first of the two speakers was Mr. Reigner who enjoys the rare distinction of having been a student under Woodrow Wilson.

"Education", said Mr. Reigner, "is far more than book knowledge. There seem to be five qualities that a man must have in order to be called educated. The first of these is 'a love and reverence' for the Mother Tongue and a precise, accurate, and to some extent, a graceful use of his language. The second is the determining of one's acts and the motivation of his thinking before drawing conclusions."

In connection with this point the speaker told of a personal experience which occurred while he was in one of Mr. Wilson's classes. He had been assigned to talk on a topic which required much research work. This last requisite was slovenly prepared by Mr. Reigner and when he arose to speak he showed a lack of preparation although he made much effort to conceal it. Then Mr. Wilson pointed a long, bony finger at him, and said, "Sit down, young man, sit down. You can't reach valid conclusions until you have obtained the facts."

The third essential was a combination of desirable qualities: kindness, gentleness, and consideration for the rights and liberties of others. "It is impossible to live alone," said Mr. Reigner. "Consider your responsibility to society."

The fourth requisite was, "his willingness to render some service that the world needs."

As a fifth mark the educated man realizes that "certain spiritual forces in human life transcend and are tangible to the material phases of our lives."

After summarizing his intended ideas with a poem by Arthur Guiterman, Mr. Reigner concluded by wishing the students of the Normal school great success.

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## CARNEAN CHRISTMAS DANCE WAS GALA AFFAIR

Alice's trip into wonderland could not have been nearly so wonderful as that Carnean Dance, held Friday, December 18, in the main lobby.

It seemed as though Santa Claus had enfolded us beneath his warm cloak, taken us into his magic sleigh, and dropped us into a land that is only reached through fantasy.

The Christmas bells announced both old friends and new friends that we would meet there. Boughs of holly twined gracefully about to instill in our souls that glorious bit of ancient Yuletide happiness. Even Santa Claus decided that he could rest awhile from the toils of the approaching Noel and join us for a few minutes before the magic spell would be withdrawn.



SENIOR FIELD BALL VICTORS OF 1931

Reading from left to right (bottom row) they are: Caroline Ebling, Dorothy Scott, Mabel Dickey, Mary Corkran, Mary Gertrude Davis, May Willoughby, Katherine Willoughby. Top row, they are: Stella Hutchinson, Mabel Spence, Dorothea O'Conner, Victoria Wheatley.

## GIRLS WILL GO CAROLING

The entire student body will participate in annual singing of Christmas Carols, December 22. This caroling which is under the direction of Mrs. J. Kemp Stevens, instructor in music, will include singing in various residential sections of the city as well as visiting John B. Parson's Home for the Aged, Primitive Baptist Home, Peninsula General Hospital, and the Eastern Shore Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

According to the customary plan, the group will leave Normal School at four-thirty A. M., and soon carols will be heard on the principal streets of the city. And such Christmas messages as can be found in "Joy to the World", "Silent Night", "The First Noel", "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", and other Yule time carols will be left with the people.

It has been suggested that the student body be divided into two groups in order to cover more territory. If this is done the groups will unite at the John B. Parson's Home for the Aged and visit the Eastern Shore Tuberculosis Sanatorium ensemble.

The trip will end when the carolers return to S. N. S. to a breakfast of hot sausages and hot bread. This makes a satisfactory ending to this enjoyable annual affair.

## YULE-TIDE SPIRIT WILL PERVADE PARTY

Merry Christmas! We hope that the true spirit of a very Merry Christmas will be felt by all at our Christmas party which will be held in the main lobby, the night before Christmas holidays begin. The program has been very carefully planned by the officers of the Home Association, and we are sure that a happy feeling of Christmas will be instilled in everyone's heart.

The activities of the evening will begin at eight-thirty with a march down each stairway into the hall, in which march all the students will participate. As each girl approaches, singing carols, she will bring a candle and, in turn, will light it from the school's big candle which will be placed in the center of the hall in front of the Christmas tree. After each one lights her candle, she will place it on the table and will sit on the floor, softly humming the carols until these remaining have followed the same procedure. After all are seated "The Story of Christmas" will be told by Miss Collins, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

## CLASS OF '32 WINS INTER CLASS FIELD BALL GAME

Seniors down Freshmen by score of 13-12

"Each to the other and all together," seemed to be the predominating spirit of each team during the annual inter-class field ball game held on the athletic field on Monday, November 23, when the class of '32 won the annual field ball contest by a score of 13 to 12. This class has the distinction of having won for the two successive years the annual field ball contest between the classes.

While the supporters of both teams waited with open mouths to see which team would score first, up slipped the freshmen and made the first goal.

The seniors immediately, visualizing the tactics of the freshmen, began to demonstrate to the fans what they really knew about field ball. This determination received applause and appreciation from the senior supporters.

Spirit, pep, and good sportsmanship were shown on both sides and when the game was ended every one was satisfied that the battle was fought righteously although many thought that fate was with the seniors.

The two teams were evenly matched and strong teamwork was evidenced throughout the entire game. Both teams had a strong forward line but the freshmen's backfield was decidedly stronger than that of the seniors.

The line up was as follows:

Seniors	Freshmen
M. G. Davis	L.W. E. Turner
M. Corkran,	R. Medford
Cap't.	Cap't.
M. Spence	L.I.F. J. Devine
D. Scott	R.I.F. M. Stewart
M. Dickey	R.W. F. Larrimer
C. Ebling	L.H.B. C. DeWilde
M. Willoughby	C.H.B. T. Bradford
K. Willoughby	R.H.B. M. Colby
S. Hutchinson	L.F.B. L. Miller
V. Wheatley	R.F.B. E. Givans
D. O'Connor	Goal I. Caruthers
E. Brinsfield	Manager J. Devine

Goals: Freshmen—Stewart (3), Medford (1), Devine (1), Turner (1).

Seniors—Corkran (3), Scott (1), Dickey (1), Davis (1).

Penalties—Seniors—Corkran (1).

## THE HOLLY LEAF STAFF

Wishes One and All

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

## ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME

Long ago when the emperor Augustus ruled the world, and the "Pax Romanum" made that world safe for travelers, the above title was coined. Today Rome is no longer the mistress of the world, but the expression is still true, for the Eternal City has a drawing power that reaches to the four corners of the globe. Come then, to Italy, the land of art, of history, of romance, of religion, of sunshine and music, of laughter and song.

Your History Department took the Alpine trail and after the cold and snow of Switzerland it was marvelous to burst suddenly from the mountain side into the balmy air and brilliant sunshine of Italy. Nowhere in the world is there more beautiful spot than Stresa on Lake Maggiore with "Isola Bella" truly the Beautiful Isle, like a sparkling jewel on the bosom of the lake. No wonder the English love to take their honeymoons in Italy? Milan, the "Queen City of the North" reminded one greatly of our own capital city, its beautiful station of white marble being of the same design as the Union Station in Washington. The beauty of Milan, however, lies in its cathedral, that "lace work" building of shining marble. This cathedral is unique in that it was built entirely by unpaid labor as a memorial to St. Carlo Borromeo, a dearly loved bishop of the Middle Ages. His body, encrusted with jewels, enclosed in a glass and golden casket, still lies in state in the crypt, and is still a great center for pilgrimages of the faithful. In visiting Venice one should first order a moon, preferably in late September or October, for Venice by moonlight is the poet's dream come true. To sit in a gondola on the Grand Canal and listen to the lap of the waves, the tinkle of the music, and the soft liquid voices of the Italian singers, is an experience one never forgets. St. Mark's Square by day is the most colorful spot in Europe, and in the shops which line its sides the most beautiful laces, leathers, beads, and glassware may be found. Venice and Florence are today the world's center for artistic and beautiful handwork, and what's more to the American traveler, these lovely things are surprisingly cheap. Florence, the home of Dante and Michael Angelo, is today a busy city, but in its great art galleries and public squares, one sees the glories of the city of Lorenzo di Medici, Lorenzo the Magnificent. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

## STUDENTS PLAN EVENTS FOR NEW YEAR

### Student Council Approves Social Calendar Submitted By Students

At a recent meeting of the Student Council, the Social Calendar for the remainder of the year was approved. The future events have been scheduled as follows:

- Carnean Dance—December 18, 1931
- Christmas Party—December 21, 1931
- Bagleat Dance—January 15, 1932
- Glee Club Dance—February 5, 1932
- Basket Ball Contest—February 12, 1932
- Athletic Association Dance—April 8, 1932
- Athletic Exhibition—April 15, 1932
- Senior Dance—May 27, 1932
- Alumni Dance—June 11, 1932
- June Joyance—(date uncertain)

The nature of the inter-society contests was also definitely decided upon. Five competitive events have been specifically named and a sixth has been left open for a choice between a play, a creative effort, and a song contest. The five which are to be immediately planned for include: a spelling contest to be held in the assemblies of January 14 and 21, a basket ball and tennis contest scheduled for February 12 and early spring respectively, a story-telling contest and a debating contest both of which have uncertain dates.

## JANUARY PROGRAMS PLANNED

The Assembly program committee is planning some interesting programs for January.

On January the fifth, Mr. Thomas A. Williams, pastor of Presbyterian church is scheduled to give the New Year's Message to the student body.

The program committee considers itself fortunate indeed to be able to present Miss Ruth Truitt in a violin recital soon after the holidays. If you appreciate fine music, be present at this assembly period.

Rumor has it that we are to be quite musical during January. Students, working under Mrs. Margaret Black Ross, are also planning a program for one of the assemblies.

## WASHINGTON BI-CENTENNIAL WILL BE CELEBRATED

Plans are under way for the celebration of the George Washington Bi-Centennial to be held in the auditorium of the Normal School during the fourth week in February. This celebration will largely be an outgrowth of regular school work, and will probably take the form of a pageant or history drama depicting episodes of Colonial life in which Washington was an important figure. The parts will be taken by the children of the elementary school and by students of the normal school.

The committee, consisting of Miss Lillian Parker, Mrs. Ida Belle Wilson Thomas and Dr. Edna Marshall are finding that the handbook of the George Washington Appreciation Course prepared by the United States George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission, Washington, D. C. and the twelve pamphlets containing George Washington programs as well as the sixteen pamphlets called, "Honor to George Washington" and "Reading about George Washington," published by the same commission, are furnishing excellent helps for the preparation of this material.

Basketball, the real winter sport has begun. Teams are being organized in classes. Boost your team and help bring them out on top.



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JANUARY, 1932

WANTED: AN IDEAL

Old Father Time is about to give up his scythe to young Mr. New Year; and our nation is preparing itself for that wonderful celebration, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Look for an ideal; and when you find it, impress its value upon those lives with whom we daily come in contact.

The word patriotism means an ideal. Stick to your country. Lift it up, do not try to push it deeper into the depths of despair.

We know an ideal is that something which exists in imagination only; however, let us be idealists who shall endeavor to spread the spirit of Christmas throughout the land.

V. II.

THOUGHT

Thought is a funny thing! Sometimes it is like a hare and goes skipping just a few jumps ahead of one when one is trying desperately hard to catch it; and then again it is like a fairy hiding about in nooks of the brain just out of reach.

Have you ever been laboring over a tricky question in a test? One feels well assured that you have! At such a time it is when thought may be compared to a hare.

Then on the other hand when one wants to say something very elaborate and impressive, the mischievous little "Thought Fairy" seems to lurk in some hidden corner of the brain, and one plays a grand game of hide and seek, the victory usually falling to the fairy's lot.

However, on one other occasion, thought has a much different behavior. This time it is in the form of a Midnight Limited from Dreamland all loaded with passengers.

There are all types of people from all types of lands. Of course, they are carrying on a conversation among themselves, and that means one is able to have one complete Train of Thought—no extra mental exertion either!

Oh, yes! There really is no end of comparisons in regards to Thought Getting, but then it seems that some little evil force in the form of Sleep is always trying to crowd out one's thoughts about thought.

And so to bed!

DOROTHY SCOTT.

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TO THE FRESHMEN

The freshman class needs to be complimented for the fine spirit and sportsmanship exhibited during and after the annual field ball game.

SENIOR CLASS.

HERE'S TO '34

(Tune—Trail of a Lonesome Pine)

Here's to our freshman class whose membership we prize so dear in this wonderful school.

TELL US YOUR POINTS OF VIEW

Dear Readers: Get out your opinions; square your points of view, and stand by for something new in the way of improved column devices.

So, let's go, everybody; read the following letters and then tell me what you think in similar letters next month.

Your friend, MR. H. LEAF.

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading most of your paper. I consider it as a fine representation of Normal School life and achievements.

However rude-sounding this letter may be, Miss Editor, one reading it must realize that this "whit" of a freshman wishes only to desire, in excellent good-humor, equal chance with the bell.

JUST A FRESHMAN.

Dear Editor:

Everyone votes the new system in the library an improvement over the old one. However, even the best of plans has its weak points.

AN INTERESTED SENIOR.

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The cathedral baptistry, second only in its mosaic work to the great St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice; the portico whereon one sees marble groups by ancient Greek sculptors and the masterpiece of Michael Angelo; the Ponte Vecchio; or bridge of shops, where Dante first saw Beatrice; Dante's own house, now a soldiers' club room; and the sweetly smiling Della Robbia bambinos which still decorate the founding asylum.

All of these cities, beautiful as they are, are but the prelude to the glories of Rome. True, the lordly Tiber in September is but a trickling stream and one wonders where Horatius found water enough to swim in, but the ruined grandeur of the Colosseum, the enduring strength of Hadrian's Tomb, the architectural masterpiece of the Pantheon, the impressive dignity of St. Peter's, and the shining marble of the Quirinal, the present seat of government—all show the virility of the Eternal City.

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VALUE OF ADULT EDUCATION IS DISCUSSED

Enrichment of adult education was the main objective of the December meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Normal Elementary School.

"Why stop learning?" asked Mr. Ralph Dulaney, the first speaker. "It is tragic from many standpoints for any college graduate to say, 'I am an educated man.'" Mr. Dulaney asserted that the significant result of Thorndike's investigation, showing that a person at the age of forty-five has the same ability to learn as at sixteen, in conjunction with the manifold possibilities of many opportunities such as women's clubs, lectures, extension courses, museums, radios, and summer schools, should inspire each adult, whether a college graduate or not, to be ever-learning.

Mrs. Lucy Bennett, librarian, made a plea for everyone to save the wasted moments for reading literature—especially the classics. She brought out the fact that "everyone finds the time to do what he really wants to do." \* \* \* The test of a piece of literature is that it can express for us what we cannot express for ourselves. \* \* \* We all cannot live in all corners of the globe, but we can get a better understanding by learning to live vicariously through books," declared Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. W. W. Gavin, delegate to State Parent-Teachers Association, reported that several speakers discussed what had been done or what remained to be done to meet the challenge in "The Children's Charter", a product of the White House Conference. The charter is a "statement and recognition of the rights of the child as the first rights of citizenship." This challenge indirectly demands better adult education.

An exhibit of sixty new books, a gift from the P. T. A. to the children of the elementary school, showed in a definite way that the organization realizes the inalienable right of every child—access to many books which he can read.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

What does Christmas mean to us? Is it just another holiday, a day to have a good time, or does it have a deeper, holier meaning? Are the Christmas trees, the gifts, and the Christmas carols that come floating through the air, the only sign of Christmas in our homes? Is it true that the tree, laughter from the children, the fireplace, Santa Claus, and the gifts add much to Christmas? Perhaps that is all the Christmas that some people know and will have this year, but there will be many who will not have this. Shall we let Christmas lack its real meaning because of this? No.

Christmas should be a day of reverence and happiness. If we have reverence on the inside, the smiles on our faces will reflect the happiness that is within. Let us try this Christmas to have this spirit which is the true Christmas spirit. As an author says,

"Happiness is a perfume we cannot pour on others, without getting a few drops on ourselves." And this happiness is the outward expression of that great joy and thanksgiving because Jesus was born this day in a manger in Bethlehem.

SARA ELLEN TULL.

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Midnight was announced by the crow of delectation from "Pep", the incomparable, who had been an unseen visitor but whose presence had been felt by everyone through the green Christmas trees decorated with yellow.

The journey was wonderful, exquisite, great. The dancing divine; and so To leave was indeed a sad fate, We hated so badly to go.

Poet's Corner

GOING HOME CHRISTMAS?

Are you going home for Christmas? Going home to Ma and Dad? They will delight to see you. Going home to make them glad? Are you going home for Christmas? Trim the great big Christmas tree. Load it full of toys and goodies? Going home for awhile? Tell mother that you're glad to see her.

Tell Dad he's looking fine; Join with the home folks. Sing the carols with the homefolks. Make them happy as can be. Cracking nuts and telling stories, Glorifying in the Christmas tree. Take the Christmas spirit with you. Spread it then wherever you go. Make them happy, glad and joyful; Christmas should be that, you know. In going home for Christmas Spread happiness and good cheer. Bring the spirit back to Normal, And make it live throughout the year.

SARA TULL.

CELEBRATION

Sometimes it's difficult to think Of Science, Math, or Greeks, When all you do is sit around And count the days and weeks. When once again you're homeward bound To see the folks, and Fido too, They're just so proud of you my friends. They don't know what to do.

Now, Evelynia, come right here And take this easy chair; Let mother get a cup of tea, Poor one—you've had so much to bear. Aren't you tired of teaching, dear? It's a load on the nerves. Oh brother! hurry with that robot my child, Give Sis those nice hot herbs.

Now girls, that's how they feel for us; What do we feel for them? We're going home in two more weeks. Why can't we baby them? Tell Ma she's just a darling, Give Pa a break or two. Help Sis make up the candy. Buy brother sometimes new.

Christmas comes but once a year, Each new one surpasses all the rest. Next year things may be different. So put yourselves to the test. Ma and Pa are happy, girls, In simply having you. Show them that you are feeling great. And full of happiness too.

Don't ever disappoint them, Stay home a night or two. Smile, and keep on smiling; Be kind and bright; and, say! If all of these you do, my dears, You'll have a Christmas Gay.

V. H.

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It has been said that ancient Rome was never destroyed for, from the stones of Nero's "Golden House" other palaces were built, and it well known that the Roman Forum was the marble quarry for the building of St. Peter's. Today, thanks Mussolini, modern Rome is one the cleanest and most beautiful city in Europe, but this cleanliness a beauty has been bought at a high price, the price of personal liberty. There are too many soldiers in Ita the black-shirted Fascisti are ever-present, and a too-outspok traveler is apt to find himself enjoying the hospitality of the cheap hotel in Rome,—the governme prison. The Vatican State and the Quirinal, representatives of t power of Heaven and the power earth, are presumably on friend terms, but it behooves the American traveler in Italy today to watch i step and mind his tongue whe government matters are concerne

IDA BELLE WILSON THOMAS.

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after which narrative, special mu will be rendered. Miss Dorot Scott will then tell what she thin is the spirit of true giving. Follo into this talk Miss Ruth Voshell i present to a representative of t Welfare Association the big r stockings which have been filled the students for the needy boys a girls. As the next feature all v join in saying "Twas the Night i fore Christmas"; then candy ca will be served and carols will sung.

ON AND OFF THE CAMPUS

The oval on the campus of S. N. S. has been the center of attraction this fall. As it has made possible many exciting foot-ball games between Wicomico High School and neighboring high schools of towns on the Eastern Shore.

A recent speaker at Vespers was Mr. Robert Sterling of Crisfield, Maryland. His topic was "Unconscious Human Helpfulness" which was especially interesting to students. Mr. Sterling is a young leader among young people, and has been a companion and friend to S. N. S. We are always happy to see Bob and his pals from Crisfield come on Sunday evening. We enjoy his wit and helpful talks.

"Rittenhouse Mansion," at Lakeland near Baltimore, will be the scene of a card party and dance which some of the students from S. N. S. are hoping to attend during the holidays. Those visiting Misses Anna Metta Pridham and Blodwin Shipley will participate in the merry making. They are: Misses Sara Robinson, Cambridge; Harriet Gray, Snow Hill; Elizabeth Butler, Federalsburg; Mabel Dickey, Brunswick; and Alma Erickson, Annapolis.

A group of seniors congregated in Miss Ruth's office were elated to learn May Willoughby's prayer of, "I still get a thrill, thinking of Bill," had been answered—up pops Bill in person.

During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Marvin W. Thomas will visit friends and relatives in Baltimore. Later in the holidays they may take a trip to Florida, incidentally, a "double honeymoon" this time.

At the December meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of Pocomoke, Mrs. Marvin W. Thomas' topic was "My Trip to Europe". This proved to be a very interesting talk. You know, Mrs. Thomas has that little gift of making things seem real, and of adding a few touches of humor. Who could help enjoying her talk?

Miss Virginia C. Harwood will spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Bristol, Virginia.

The students who visited during the past week-end and report a very pleasant visit were Mabel Dickey who visited Elsie Gibbs of the '31 graduating class at her home, Bethany Beach; Agnes Golt, of Queenstown, visited Mary Corkran, of Rhodesdale; and Blodwin Shipley who visited in Cambridge at the home of Miss Sara Robinson.

One essay has been received on "Professional Spirit." Dr. W. J. Holloway says that he is still anxious to award the two five-dollar gold pieces before Christmas.

School closes Tuesday, December 22 at noon—Hurrah!

Mrs. J. K. Stevens expects to spend a few days in Baltimore during the first part of the holidays. Then she will return to her home in Denton, Maryland where she intends to revel in the solitude of home sweet home. She is planning to spend many hours on the music she is to sing in New York University Chorus on January 9.

On Friday, December 18, everyone is cordially invited to visit room 101 and enjoy the exhibit of Christmas music posters made by the Seniors under the encouragement and helpful instruction of Mrs. J. K. Stevens.

The dates of the national American Physical Education Association meetings have been set for April 20 to 23 at Philadelphia, Pa. The A. A. hopes to send a representative.

ALUMNI NOTATIONS

From news gleaned here and there we find our alumni "up and doing" so to speak. One evidence of this fact was given by an alumnus who wrote:

Day by day, as I stand in front of my twenty-five little pairs of eyes there is always something "popping" up that reminds of the good old days at S. N. S.—and why shouldn't it? I spent a happy time there that I'll not spend again anywhere.

We were studying when to use "saw" and "seen". A little Italian girl spoke up, "Shall I put it in my composition book so I can keep it?" The look in her eyes and the way she said it reminded me of Miss Matthews and the word "clinch".

At recess when I am in the dodge-ball ring with the ball whizzing on both sides I think of Miss Jamart and her "Fall in line", but it is soon "me out of the ring."

You ought to know that the boys have a real speed ball team and everytime I hear them yelling I bet you can't guess what I think of. Why, Mr. Caruthers and all the dear Bagleans? Is Mr. Caruthers still a Bagleean? I hope so.

I bet you will laugh when I tell you I am teaching European History to my sixth grade. Did that Greek unit come in handy? You know the rest. What person was responsible for that? Why, Miss Wilson. Congratulations. Every time I said the word Themistocles I thought of her.

If Miss Feldler were there, I know she would ask about music. Tell her I'm doing fine.

I don't know why it is, but everytime supervisors come in it reminds me of Miss Harwood and Mrs. Mc-Lewee.

I tribute to Miss Collins is that I believe I am going to produce artists from my twenty-five some day. When I ask "Jimmie" or "Sammy" to get me some coal, it brings back memories of "Pop" who was always ready to help us.

After I drive twenty miles from where I am teaching and see mother's cheery smile and my dinner all on the table, it reminds me of dear Miss Ruth who made normal school a home for us.

When the children come to me to ask me for advice, it reminds me of how interested Dr. Holloway was in all the girls.

Do any the rest of you graduates have thoughts like these? If so, write yours down. —"Poky", otherwise— POCOHONTAS SOMERS, '31.

CUPID PAYS A VISIT

Miss Mary A. Lang, Class of '27, and Mr. Earl Timmons of Berlin were quietly married at the home of the bride at Stockton, Maryland on Wednesday afternoon, November 25, 1931. Mrs. Timmons is the sister of Rachel Lang, Class of '34.

CUPID CALLS AGAIN

During the Thanksgiving holidays Miss Agnes Clauser, former graduate of S. N. S. and Mr. Brewington were married.

Mrs. Katie Clark Jenkins, Class of '27, who has been residing at Cape Charles, Va., has recently moved to the Rosse Apartments in Crisfield, Md.

During the past week several of our alumni including Misses Mary Frances Crowe, Louise Redden, and Pauline Ellis visited our school and renewed former acquaintances. Miss Redden is teaching one of the first grades of Delmar Elementary School and Miss Ellis is instructing the slower group of the sixth grade in the same institution.

TO THE ALUMNI

1932 will soon be here in all its glory and youth. This gives us an incentive to make it more successful than 1931 if possible. Are we going to make our part of the Holly Leaf a record breaking column? We can do it if you will help with your contributions. Will you? Send on or before January 10, 1932, please.

ALUMNI EDITOR.

Our Historic Eastern Shore



TREATY OAK AT CHURCH CREEK

"TREATY OAK"

Probably eighty-five out of every one hundred school children in the United States know or have heard Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees." In this he says,

"Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree."

It has been my privilege, from baby-hood, to see almost daily a great tree which seems a living prototype of the poet's ideal. This is the mammoth old white oak, known as the "Treaty Oak," standing almost directly in front of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the village of Church Creek, Dorchester County, Maryland.

This tree has just received surgery at the hands of the Dorset Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, who were given custody of the tree. The tree is seventy-two feet in height, eight feet and eight inches in diameter, twenty-six feet in circumference and with a spread of one hundred and six feet. The surgeons have also stated that the age of the tree is no less than three hundred and fifty years. This tree stands in sight of "Old Trinity Church," perhaps one of the oldest Episcopal Churches in America, and the hundreds of visitors who annually visit this historic church pass beneath the branches of this tree without the least knowledge of its history.

This tree is perhaps the only living witness to the meeting between the whites and Indians, when the latter consummated the treaty by which the settlers purchased and received possession of the lands that are now Dorchester County. It might be well to note in passing that this treaty was negotiated and ratified by an Indian Princess, who ruled over the native tribes, and approved by her council. The land was sold for eight hunting coats, some fire arms, and a few trinkets. It is also known that the treaty included a provision reserving to the Indians the right to buy back the land, but that this right was never exercised.

The tree stood at a turn in the trail, later a road, which was straightened at this point about one hundred and fourteen years ago. At that time it was a very old tree. Mrs. Hester Richardson, who died in 1922 at Church Creek, at the advanced age of ninety-four, stated that the tree had made no change in appearance in her life-time, (except where damaged by lightning), and that her mother had made similar statements. His history is closely linked with religious affairs. Whether meetings commemorative of the aforesaid

FRESHMAN II ENTERTAINS WITH GRAMM

All Baba and the proverbial forty thieves were most charming hosts at a party-entertainment given by Freshman II in honor of Freshmen in the auditorium on December 10. The production was inspired by the study of desert life as presented by Miss Lurah D. Collins in her Geography courses. Roberta Tyler, the robber chief gave a very fitting introduction

SALISBURY GRANGE ENTERTAINS MARYLAND STATE GRANGE

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 1, 2, and 3, the Maryland State Grange held its fifty-ninth annual session in Salisbury, at the Wicomico hotel.

On Tuesday several business matters were discussed; and in the evening a banquet was given in the ballroom of the Wicomico Hotel. Dr. Wm. J. Holloway, principal of the State Normal School, was toastmaster. Mayor Wade H. Insley gave a very appropriate address of welcome to the State Grangers. Dr. T. B. Symons extended greetings from the University of Maryland. A very interesting response was given by A. G. Ensor, master of the Maryland State Grange. A highly inspirational address was given by J. D. Blackwell, State Director of Vocational Education, on "Education for a Richer Life." The Cashier, Salisbury Bank, Eastern Shore Trust Company, C. M. Freeman showed the Grangers just how important "Individual Financing" is. Dr. Justin C. Wood rendered several beautiful vocal selections, including "Sylvia" and the "Song of Steel." Professor T. J. Hopkins and his Junior Orchestra furnished music for the evening. Florence May Williams and her sister Phyllis of the normal school elementary department sang several solos. They were accompanied by Mrs. Williams.

Wednesday morning the election of officers took place. With a single exception all state officers of the Grange were re-elected. Those who were installed are: Master, A. G. Ensor, senator from Harford County; overseer, T. Roy Brooks, Bel Air; steward, Austin P. Renn, Adamstown; Assistant steward, J. Herbert Snyder, Union Bridge; Chaplain, Charles R. Hartshorne, Brighton; treasurer, Guy S. Meloy, Lanham; secretary, Mrs. Maude Meloy, Hudson, Towson; gate keeper, J. Woolford Johnson, Salisbury; Ceres, Mrs. Florence Ensor, Bel Air; flora, Mrs. Hattie Cairnes, Sharon; pomona, Mrs. Abby Mc C. Remsburg, Middletown; lady assistant steward, Miss Marguerite Hubbard, Hurlock.

Wednesday afternoon an open meeting was held. The Home Makers' Hour was in charge of Miss Venia Keller, State Home Demonstration agent. Mrs. Wm. J. Holloway had a part in this program. Her topic "How the Grange can be made to Interest Young People" was developed by Misses Frances Insley, Faith Clift, Stella Hut-hinson, Sara Robinson and Virginia Horsey, all students of the normal school and members of the Student Grange. After this, came an instructive and entertaining speech by Hon. Frank Evans, a member of the Federal Farm Board. Helpful suggestions were embodied in a series of talks sponsored by Mrs. T. Roy Brooks, the Worthy State Lecturer.

Wednesday evening a few of the distinguished guests had dinner at the normal school. After dinner an open session was held in the normal school auditorium where the Grangers and other guests were entertained with choruses by the Sho' Echo Glee Club; a reading by Miss Margaret Sherwood; dances by Misses Jeanne Holloway and Leslie Purnell; and tap dancing by Misses Imogene Caruthers and Betty Ruark. Following the entertainment came the conferring of the 6th degree which seventeen members of our Student Grange had the pleasure of taking. At 9:30 the throng of smiling faces passed on to the library where refreshments were served. Later the light fantastic was tripped by old and young and a very delightful evening came to a reluctant end.

The Session closed after routine business and installation of officers by Dr. W. J. Holloway, assisted by Mr. W. R. McKnight, Miss Marian Swanson, Mrs. Edna Mitchell, and Mrs. Carl Jones. Then quite a number of the delegates met at an oyster roast given by Dr. Holloway and Mr. J. B. Richardson at the school. We enjoyed your visit, come again.

At the last regular meeting of the A. A. Miss Mable Spence, chairman of the program committee, sponsored a well prepared program.

TREATY OAK.

"Under this tree the early settlers and Indians of the Choptank Tribe conferred in the purchase of this section. An Indian Princess is supposed to have negotiated this sale, for which the Red men received four guns, a few hunting coats, and some ammunition."

Time and age have left their marks in what is now quiet Church Creek. The forest mates of this tree have long since returned to the dust from which they came; but the sturdy old Treaty Oak still stands, a silent sentinel of the departed forest.

JEANETTE ROBINSON, Sr. III.

which was followed by an Arabian dance by Betty Ruark. As the story of Ali Baba was being told the characters enacted it very attractively, and it was enjoyed by the guests.

The following girls took part in the pantomime: Betty Ruark (told the story), Roberta Tyler, Viola Jones, Doris Jones, Eileen Simmons, Catherine Lushy, Marie Markley, Margaret Tilghman, Gladys Perdue, Emily Turner, Lucille Miller, Frances Larrimer, and Margaret Scott.

## CHIRPS FROM S. N. S.

The fact that Virginia Morton threw a bottle of Jo-Cur in the Wicomico River makes it clear why such big waves dashed up on the shore.

Miss Harwood—So we find that our parents do not give us all their characteristics.

O. M. J.—Well, I don't think that's fair!

Maybe Mencken (don't bother with Mr. H. L.) is not all he's cracked up to be, but let's hope not for his sake (and ours) since he seems to be suffering from the final stages of cranial fragility anyway.

Mr. C.—Whose potatoes do you have there?

Miss H.—Jenny Hall's.

Mr. C.—I thought they were yours.

Miss Mathews in upper Grade Children's Literature asked how many girls want to go to Hades?

M. Bouchelle: What kind of fields do you plant oysters in?

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Mr. Norman having listened to the address by Mr. Reigner remarked "that he did not have a chance on the program." However, so fine was the oration given that only by reading his speech could one fully appreciate the beauty and thought of his words. Many of his remarks fell on fertile ground, and will probably rank high in our memories of worthwhile speakers' auditions at Normal School.

Mr. Norman said, "Education is hard to define. I know because of my experiences, and study. A state—'Education is the greatest attribute one may have!' It has something of which we cannot be dispossessed. 'Every American citizen is entitled to a liberal education by law. This realization is made possible through public schools, therefore, there is no need for illiteracy today. Public schools lay the foundation of education.

"It seems that people are more restless socially, politically, and industrially than ever before. The best stabilizing agent is education. My solution is to hold on to what is good. The good lies in education. This is an age of specialists and groups (fundamentalists, evolutionists, socialists). I am a fundamentalist in education believing it to be the primary step of education. I advocate a good English foundation for every one before entering a technical school.

"Without education one is deprived of the thrill and pleasure of leadership. The best educated and well-trained person is in demand in every avenue of life. Many people never reach their destinations or goals because of a lack of education. I infer the fourth age of history will be the Indifferent Age. As never before have I seen the indifference evidenced by both young and old. So many people seem to go through life without aims, just so they get what they want when they want it.

"What is success? Some people say it is the accumulation of knowledge, the acquisition of money, or the gaining of fame. I say it is practicing the golden rule and rendering service to others. When treating a disease be sure that the remedy is not worse than the disease. I feel it is time for us to stop, look, and listen. As it is our duties to guide the minds of boys and girls with whom we come into contact in right channels. Our sweetest happiness comes not from love but from sacrifice."

After two such unusually striking and interesting speeches the students could well afford to sing melodiously, "Let us call you sweetheart." The personalities of these two men seem to magnetize their audience. They seem to note the sincerity of their listeners and frequently added an appropriate ingredient of wit or fun. Certainly the student body has grown mentally since hearing these two

## NEWS FROM THE PRACTICE CENTERS

The pupils of Miss Brown's and Miss Killiam's rooms have been interested in studying about the North American Indians. The language, some of the reading, and industrial arts have been correlated with this study. The children have been quite interested in the work.

Reading charts entitled "The Plasterer", and "The Carpenter", inform us that pupils of the second grade are studying about community workers who help build shelters for us. These charts may be seen in Miss Brown's room.

All the boys and girls of one of 7A classes made 100% on three consecutive spelling tests. Miss Reddish and student-teachers certainly seem able to interest pupils in spelling.

An interesting booklet entitled, "My Maryland," may be found in Miss Hearne's room. Different members of the class contributed to this booklet such things as the Maryland seal, the Maryland colors, the flag, the State song, many pictures of Maryland, and interesting paragraphs.

The making of butter by the children of Mrs. Francis' room as a part of the study about food, proved quite a success. The butter made was enthusiastically eaten on crackers for a mid-morning luncheon.

To help beautify the school of Siloam, two new pictures have been added. They are "Saved" by Landseer and "The Windmill" by Ruysdael. In order to appreciate and get a better knowledge of the pictures the children have made a study of them.

Book week was observed at the Shad Point School. The making of reading charts helped to solve the problem of seatwork.

Lovely pictures illustrating the early history of Colonial America have been made by the fifth grade pupils of the Shad Point School.

The second grade won the book given by Miss Whayland at the Allen School for having the largest percentage of parents visit the school during American Education Week.

Early this fall Miss Theresa Wiedefeld, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools, spoke to the teachers of the county and the Normal School students on "Art in the Elementary Schools." After this inspirational talk, Mrs. Hazel J. Hearne, principal of the Mt. Herman School, decided to develop Industrial Arts in her school. As an outgrowth of the work in art, the classroom and library are decorated with seasonal posters, friezes, charts, and black-board drawings. Through the study of art the pupils hope to develop more fully their appreciation of beautiful things.

The children of the Eden school are busily working on a play for Christmas. Many poems and songs are being taught for this program, also. They are planning to entertain their friends and acquaintances before school closes for the Christmas holidays.

**DON'T READ THIS**—you might see something. Of course you would read it anyway if I should mention H. L. Mencken, but I can't do that now when I'm telling you about a \$2,000 prize you are about to receive. Well you know what I mean now, and by this time you are dashing to the **BULL-DOG BALLOT BOX** with name suggestions for a tiny little pedigreed canine who has nothing for people to shout at him when it's dinner time. **SO** step up, folks, with your ballots and let us give a happy Christmas to a prosperous but nameless pup.

For further details see last month's paper.

Instructor: "What is the feminine for monk?"

## MY TOY

Down at the store I saw a truck. It was green. It had an orange stripe around it. I wanted it. Christmas morning I went down stairs and saw the truck near my tree. I felt happy.

ROBERT TILGHMAN, Grade 1.

## CHRISTMAS

Last Christmas I had a little automobile, tractor, a truck, and everything nice. This year I hope I will get many things, again.

THOMAS BARNES, Grade 1.

## A DOLL'S CHRISTMAS

I had a little dolly. I put her to bed at eight o'clock. I had asked Santa to bring a carriage and a little doll. Next morning when she awoke up her carriage and dolly were by the Christmas tree.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Santa comes around tonight, Brings me toys that are just right. I hang my stocking by my bed But still I am a sleepy-head.

JACKY BRYAN, Grade 2.

## SANTA CLAUS

When Santa fills his great big pack He often thinks of boys like Jack. This nice old man is not so thin But always wears a pleasant grin. Sometimes the snow comes falling down

When he comes riding into town. So he is dressed in fur so white To keep him warm all through the night.

ANNE HOLT, Grade 2.

## MY TRIP

One day I went with mother and father to Philadelphia. I went through the subway. I went on escalators. They are moving stairs. I saw Santa Claus in "Toyland". We had a good time.

DOROTHY JEAN CORNELL, Grade 2.

## THE BIRDS' CHRISTMAS

The day before Christmas snow was falling everywhere. Betty and Billy said, "Let us trim one of the trees in the yard for the birds." They tied bread and pieces of fat to the tree. When morning came Betty and Billy looked out. The birds were eating the gifts they found on their tree. When they finished eating, they sang a song. Billy and Betty said, "Oh, the birds are trying to thank us."

DOROTHY DEAN TOWNSEND, Grade 2.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

It was Christmas Eve. Mother had bought presents, made cakes, and done many other things that had to be done before Christmas. Father had bought wreathes, a tree, holly, and other things. The children had bought presents. They had written a letter to Santa Claus. That night they went to bed wondering what Santa Claus would bring them.

BILLY ALLEN, Grade 2.

## CHRISTMAS

It was the night before Christmas. Billy and Sally went to bed early. The next morning they found their toys. Billy had a drum, a gun, and some cars. Sally got a doll, a ball, and a toy dog. Billy and Sally said that it was the best Christmas they ever had.

TEDDY WHITE, Grade 2.

## CHRISTMAS

The children had planned all of the gifts for their family and friends. On Christmas morning the tree was filled with presents. They played a game to see who would get a present first. Mother won. "She gets the biggest piece of cake," cried Jane and Billy. That night they did not want to go to bed—they were so happy.

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## CLASSES STUDY "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"

The third and fourth grades are making a study of "Christmas Around the World". The following are cooperative paragraphs made during the English period. The names after each paragraph were the ones who copied it the best.

## IN HOLLAND

Would you like to spend a Christmas holiday in Holland? St. Nicholas does for the Dutch children what Santa Claus does for us. He makes his visit on the night of the fifth of December. This jolly fellow rides on a white horse to every house. He has a long white beard and wears a red suit trimmed in white fur.

St. Nicholas has a helper named Rupert. He carries two bags. In one bag are presents for the good children and in the other are switches for the bad children. The Dutch children do not hang up their stockings, but put their wooden shoes in front of the fireplace.

On St. Nicholas Day the families have fine dinners and invite their friends and relatives, then they give out presents. They have much fun!

NANCY HOLLOWAY, Grade 4.

## IN FRANCE

The French children enjoy Christmas as much as we do. On Christmas Eve they have a feast. Even the farm-animals receive a larger portion of food. After a supper of white bread, cheese, porridge, and milk, they entertain their friends by having a dance. At midnight everybody goes to mass at the church. When the children come home they place their wooden shoes on the hearth to hold the presents which Noel brings. When they get up Christmas morning all the children are full of joy because their shoes are filled with gifts.

M. ANN BLOXON, Grade 4.

## IN ITALY

In Italy Santa Claus' helper is Mother Goose. She rides on her broom-stick throughout the country to carry gifts to the children. She pays her visit twelve days after Christmas. They call her "Befana". They have no Christmas trees, but on Christmas Eve they sing carols and recite poems. The gifts of these children are placed in the "Urn of Fate". Each child draws a gift from the urn. If his name is not on it he replaces it and draws another until he gets the one intended for him. Those children have much fun drawing presents.

CHARLOTTE HOBBS, Grade 4.

## IN GERMANY

Kriss Kringle is Germany's Santa Claus. On the sixth day of December he sends his servant, Ruprecht, to visit the homes. If the child has been good all year, Ruprecht gives him goodies. The child who has not been kind, helpful, and loving is given a switch. They always have a Christmas tree. I am sure if we lived in Germany we would not be left any switches.

BETTY DUNCAN, Grade 4.

## IN NORWAY

Christmas is called Yule Tide. On Yule Tide Eve the members of each family put their shoes in a row to show that they live together peacefully. No one is forgotten there. They tie a sheaf of grain to a pole for the birds, so that they may have a happy feast. Their Santa Claus who brings gifts is called "Kristine". They are very kind and thoughtful at Yule Tide.

DOROTHY LEE TAYLOR

## A GOOD BOOK

"The Two Little Confederates" is the best book I ever read. The most interesting part was where the two boys, Frank and Willy, were taking food to their brother and the general. On their way back to their home they were captured by a few Yankees. The Yankees tried to force them to tell where the two men were. Both boys refused. Four of the men took Frank off a little way.

"Now which way?" demanded the leader.

"I ain't goin' to tell," said Frank sternly.

"You will tell," said the leader.

Did Frank tell? Your question will be answered when you read "The Two Little Confederates" by Thomas Nelson Page.

BILLY WRIGHT, Grade 7.

## AN INTERESTING BOOK

Poor little Polly, hidden in a dark closet, sobbing, and with a broken heart, felt as though the world was against her.

"Polly! Polly! Where are you?" Tom could be heard calling.

Polly was so deep in her own troubles that she did not hear him.

"I wonder where she can be," Tom muttered to himself. "Well, after all, perhaps Fanny and I did treat her a trifle too roughly."

"Polly!" he called again. "Oh, well, I'll get my rubbers and go out and roam around a bit and perhaps I'll see her."

Opening the closet what should he see but little Polly rolled all in a heap and crying as though her heart would break.

"Polly!" whispered Tom. "Forgive me."

What is this that Polly should forgive Tom for? If you would really like to know just turn to "An Old Fashioned Girl" by Louisa May Alcott.

RUTH LONG, Grade 7.

## OUR FOOTBALL GAME THANKSGIVING

We had a great game of football one day during the Thanksgiving holidays. We had two teams called the "Black Devils" and the "Wildcats". The Black Devils kicked off to the Wildcats, who ran it back to mid-field. The latter tried passes and end plays and at last brought the ball to the Black Devils' 10 yard line. One more line plunge took it over for a touchdown. That gave the Wildcats 6 big points. Then the Wildcats kicked off. I, who was a Black Devil, grabbed the ball and raced for the goal like an arrow. I at last fell over the line making the score 6 to 6. With 3 minutes to play we made another touchdown making the score of 12-6 with the Black Devils ahead. We surely fought hard to win that game.

BOB ALTLAND, Grade 5.

## STICKEEN: THE STORY OF A DOG

Stickeen and his master were stranded on a square of ice surrounded by wide crevices. The only way to escape was by a slender, slippery ice bridge. Stickeen's master finally decided to chance it. He cut small steps as far as he could reach, then he let his full weight rest on the frail bridge. If you want to know what happened, read "Stickeen" by John Muir.

STUART ALTLAND, Grade 6.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving is the best holiday I have had this fall. I went to my aunt's for a turkey dinner. I could hardly wait for the dinner bell to ring. When it rang, I dashed into the room. What do you think I saw? At the head of the table was a big turkey! After dinner I played football, but I don't think I succeeded in doing it very well because