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ORIOLE DRAMATIC CLUB TO PRESENT PLAY

On January twenty fourth the Oriole Dramatic Club will present "Two Days to Marry" in the High School auditorium. The school is to receive all the proceeds except the expenses of production. The play is a farce in three acts and is written by Walter Richardson. This play has been tried out "on the road" and has proved a great success. With the large amount of practise that the Oriole's have done it should be a success here.

The synopsis of the play is as follows:

James Dare is a young man who has been enjoying life and living in expectation of the money he is to inherit on his twenty eighth birthday, forgetting until two days before the time limit, that a clause of the will demands that he must be married by that time.

He is in love with Imogene McShane but his wily lawyer, to make certain of a wife for his client, has advertised in the papers for a wife. This brings many complications around which the play is based. There are many laughable situations and the whole play is a thoroughly enjoyable one. The many plots and counter plots are of lively interest throughout the play.

Do your part in selling tickets, when they are issued.

Following are members of the cast in order of appearance:

- Simon Chase (as black as his race) - E. Lloyd Rose
- James J. Dare (a wifeless heir) - Joseph Blacow
- Ruford B. Sawyer (a timid lawyer) - Norval Turnbow
- Emily J. Pink (blacker than ink) - Frances Bugan Turnbow
- Sadie L. Boise (a widow by choice) - Mildred Blacow
- Imogene McShane (the sweet young thing) - Anne C. Rose
- Walter M. Blair (a millionaire) - Nathan Hazleton

STUDENT BODY MEETING

During the Activity Period of Friday the 13th the regular meeting of the Associated Students was held in the Auditorium.

Mr. Hodges announced that the Juniors had taken out the most tickets, from the office, for the play, "Two Days to Marry." The Seniors came second and then the Freshmen.

The band played "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner" while the Student Body sang. That concluded the meeting.

LINCOLN ESSAY MEDAL OFFERED TO SENIORS

Here's a splendid opportunity for all the seniors to win an essay medal.

The Illinois Watch Company of Springfield, Ill. is offering a Lincoln's Essay Medal to the Seniors for the best short essay on the life of Abraham Lincoln. This essay medal is now in the show case in the office.

This contest should appeal to all seniors who are averaging either 1 or 2 in their English grades. The essays must be in before Feb. 12.

There are many good materials for this essay on the shelves of our school library. These materials can be used to their advantage if the students will only take the trouble to find them.

Seniors who are planning to compete in this essay contest should see Mr. Kinney for further information and details of the contest.

BRIDE AND GROOM HONORED AT DINNER

On the evening of January 10th. at the Country Club House, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hodges entertained at a beautifully appointed dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Gould.

Covers were laid for forty guests which included the high school faculty and board members with their wives and husbands. The table was beautifully decorated with pink roses and sweet peas and rosebud nut cups.

On behalf of the members of the High School faculty, Mr. Hodges presented Mr. and Mrs. Gould with an electric percolator. Cards and dancing followed the dinner and all had a most delightful time.

FRESHMEN HEAD HONOR ROLL

Following are the members of the Honor Roll for fourth month:

- Freshman:** Mae Ferry, Henrietta Florist, Olivia Foster, Metsuye Kawaguchi, Lola Luna, Milton Munger, Sumi Nakashima, Arlene Olivera, Aldina Perry, Romain Reviere, Sakaki Isurue, Olive Silva, Sophie Swanson, Agatha Willis.
- Sophomores:** Lena Dutra, Fern Garcia, Mary Lucas, Ruth Mau, La Von Molter, Adelyn Rathbun, George Robinson, Masako Sekigahama, Elizabeth Shinn, Elsie Sutter, Marie White, Ed Witherly.
- Juniors:** Madelyn Azevedo, Mary Beveridge, Orville Blose, Mary Caldeira, Doris Destrella, Irene Lasky, Isabel Thomas, Eva Teeter, Dorothy Van Der voort, Dorthea Willis.
- Seniors:** Helen Andrade, Percy Broberg, Charles Dana, Hazel Hempleman, Ina Hiller, Ichyi Matsuda, Daizy Mendenhall, Margaret Sinclair, Margaret White.

SCHOOL BAND MAKING WONDERFUL PROGRESS

When the newly organized high school band played several selections at the last meeting of the Student Body, many of the students were surprised to see the way the band has progressed in such short time.

Last Saturday, our band played two National airs, America and Star Spangled banner, at the dedication of the Niles Memorial Library. Although this was the first time they have played in public, the boys made wonderful performances, which were greatly appreciated by the people of the township.

At present the boys in the band are working hard under the supervision of their instructor, Mr. Kimber. The members of the Student Body should encourage them. More players are needed. So here's a chance for the students to show some spirit and help to support this organization.

TRIP PLANNED FOR INSTRUMENTAL PLAYERS

According to the announcement made by Mr. Kimbor at the last Student Body meeting, High school and Grammar school students of the township who are taking instructions on any musical instruments will take a trip on Jan. 27 to Oakland.

They will visit several high schools for the purpose of listening to their orchestras and bands. Some of the schools they have planned to visit are Roosevelt high, where they can hear a real symphony orchestra, and Technical high, where they will listen to an excellent band of fifty pieces. This will be a great inspiration and encouragement, especially to the boys who are working for the High School Band.

JUNIORS DISCUSS TICKET SALE

During activity period Jan. 12, Juniors held the first class meeting of the year in the auditorium.

This meeting was called to order by Bud Ruschdt, president of the class, for the purpose of encouraging them to sell tickets for the play to be given by the Oriole Dramatic Club for the benefit of the student body. It was decided to have the students from each town take care of the tickets sold there. Since we are getting all the proceeds from the play, other classmates as well as the Juniors should support this affair. Let's show the Alumni that we

NILES MEMORIAL LIBRARY DEDICATED

Saturday, January 14, the Niles Memorial Library was formally presented to the Library Association by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ford. In spite of the moist weather, many people of the township came to the dedication of this beautiful library of magnificent structure.

The ceremonies opened at 2 p. m. with the grand parade led by the local Boy Scouts accompanied by Hayward girls' drum corps and Washington High band. The Campfire Girls and the grammar and Sunday school pupils were also members of the parade. During this Grand Parade the members of the Washington Township American Legion guarded the Memorial flag.

The officers of the Masonic Grand Lodge, assisted by members of the local lodges took charge of the ceremony of dedication.

The library association took charge of other programs. There was a formal presentation of the library by Mr. Ford to the Library Association and acceptance by Mr. J. C. Shinn, President of the Library Association.

The singing of National songs was led by Mrs. Foster, while the music was furnished by the High School band. The Star Spangled Banner was played during the raising of the New Library flag by the Boy Scouts.

There were many speakers. Among them were Mr. Jones, who represented the Niles C. of C., Judge R. Richmond of the County Board of Supervisors, and Miss M. Hamby, county librarian.

After the program the library was opened for inspection. It is a very artistic building built in Spanish style architecture, of concrete, with tile roof. An arch over the doorway bears the inscription "Jane R. Clough Memorial Library." Niles is thankful to receive such a magnificent gift from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Ford.

At this meeting it was also announced by the class advisor that in the sale of Christmas seals the two Junior activity rooms had the honor of taking first and second places. This is their second triumph, the first one was the 100 per cent Student Body members. Now the third time is the charm. So says the advisor.

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Editorial

The New Year Means a New Chance

Again we pass another milestone and are brought face to face with the new year.

What the year just passed has held we know. Its grief and joy, failure and success all stand out illuminated in our minds. We can not recall the past. It is gone forever. But its successes should be used as a foundation for better one, and its failure as a strong stepping stone for something worthwhile.

What the new year will hold we know not. But it means to all of us a new chance for progress, for improvement.

Fellow students, let's not lie down and go to sleep, mentally, from the beginning of the year. Let's keep in our minds that every minute of every hour, every hour of every day is important. It is a minute, an hour or a day in which one can make progress. The new year offers to us a new chance. The time offers opportunity after opportunity. Whether we make good or not depends on how our time is spent.

Enough resolutions are made by most of us to pave the well-known road. Sadly enough, most of them are discarded too soon. Many good resolutions fade into dark forgetfulness before the end of the first month.

However, some resolutions stay with us and help us to make the best of the new chance offered to us, and urge us to progress steadily on the next lap of our journey.

Boosting Your Average

Seriously now, what about the old school work? It is just a blot on the landscape, a dark cloud with no silver lining? Is there really anything of permanent value in mastering school work, in getting high marks? Whatever your opinion may be, we must not forget that our minds are in the process of training and that only through hard work and endless endeavor can we reach our ideal.

The opportunity for a life time of happiness is still before us. Whether we win it or not depend on us. But one great step toward it is, through mastery of our studies, so to train our minds that they will always serve us well.

STIMULATING OUR EFFORTS WITH COMPETITION

In the activity of the athlete instincts as old as race are called into play. That fighting spirit is present in nearly all our games. Our games embody the elements of the fight for supremacy. These instincts are sometimes absent in our studies.

Out of this world-old-struggle the instinctive love for competition has come down to us as the basic principle in nearly all our plays. And our best efforts are made through competition, through rivalry.

So the instincts to compete are powerful ones. Then why not make use of these great stimulating powers to further ourselves in our studies. It can be done to our advantage if we play the game in the right spirit. But if the competition with others develops unfriendliness, then it is not done in a right spirit. We must always remember that good will and fellowship are far greater than scholarship.

In this vigorous atmosphere of strenuous competition, not only the best is done, but also the strongest character is developed. We have thought so in the athletic field; there is no reason for thinking otherwise in the classroom.

THE LITTLE BROWN SCHOOLHOUSE

Vacation is over and once more everything is going on in fine order at the Little Brown School. I think vacation does the students good, and most of them are back eager and ready to start the New Year right.

It seems as if there are many more bright happy faces than usual, much pep, and ever so many unbroken resolutions. I would like to visit here again in the near future and see just as many happy people as there are now. Suppose everyone tries, now, to begin the New Year right and do his best at the Little Brown School House. If you do I am sure you will be happy, like the others around you.

Go on now, try it. I'll be back again and I want to see you all gay, very one of you.



"Bearcat," San Mateo High School, tells us that they have just constructed a new journalistic museum. They have many rare collections, and the grand opening has been set for January 2nd.

The students of Stockton High School, in the carpentry classes, are building a new outdoor gym. The boys are very proud of their work and it is progressing very rapidly.

"The Wise Fools" was the play given by the students of Concord High School. The play was a great success, and appreciated by a large audience--"The Diablo."

"The School Herald," San Jose High School, tells us of an examination for outside piano studies that will soon be given. The student must have a year of theory. Those who pass will be given one credit to be added either to their Junior or Senior year.

The Girls' League of Palo Alto High School has found a new way to plan a Christmas gift. Twenty dollars were given to the immigrants at Angel Island. The girls felt this is the best way they know to spend their pennies. "The Campanile."

"The Girl's Mirror" of San Francisco Girl's High tells us that they have long been one of the few high schools in the State without honor societies of some of some sort. They have now planned to join the ranks and are working very hard to encourage good scholarship in every way.

We live in deeds, not years; in thought, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs.

He most lives, Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.





Mary Willis '27 has entered Highland Hospital School of Nursing.

James Collins '27 has taken a leave of absence from Santa Clara College.

Margaret Lowrie '27 has resumed her studies at the University of California.

Alwin Searles '26 has taken a leave of absence from the University of California.

Edward George '27 is planning to reenter St. Mary's College.

Inez Brown '27 now attending the University of California, and Antoinette Botels '27 visited school last week.

Eve Costa '26 has returned to Mills College.

Michael Overacker '27 was at home from Davis during the Christmas holidays.

Margaret Moore '27 has given up her work at the California School of Fine Arts. She is now studying music and foreign languages and visited school on Thursday, January 6th.

Mildred Landenslager '26 is at home in Newark. She has been very ill for the past few months.

Jack Lowrie '26 is to be one of the salesmen at the new Ford garage. Another of the salesmen is "Bony" Norris '22.

(Jenks) "Is the new cook you managed to engage a green girl?"
(Mrs. Jenks) Absolutely. I got her to sign a year's contract."

(He) "What do you do with all your old cross word puzzle books after they're all filled up?"
(She) "Oh, I put them in the Gessed room."

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JOKES

Teacher (to boy sitting idly in school during writing time) "Henry, why are you not writing?"
Henry: "I ain't got no pen."
Teacher: "Whers your grammar."
Henry: She is dead."

Mother to little daughter marking up fine stationery,
"What are you doing, Jane?"
Jane: "I'm writing a letter to Marjorie."
Mother: "But you can't write."
Jane: "No, but she can't read either."

Teacher: "Can any child tell me the meaning the word unaware, which I have just read?"
Little girl: "Unaware is the very last thing you take off before you go to bed."

"Johnnie there were two apples in the cupboard. Now there is one. Can you explain it?" "It was dark mother and I saw only one."

"Papa, what is a road hog?"
"He's the man who has the part of the road you want."

"Why are fisherman and shepherds like beggars?"
"Because they live by hook or crook."

Visitor: Who is the responsible man in this firm?"
Office Boy: "I don't know who the responsible person is, but I am the one who always gets the blame."

"You must be mad," cried her mother.
"You're right I am. He turned me down."

That fellow Jimkins was a dollar a year man during the war. Is he just as patriotic as ever?"
"Oh, much more so. He says next time he will be willing to serve for 50 cents."

(Sport Writer) "Is the big colored boy in shape for the fight to-night?"
--(Trainer) Yes, sah, boss. He's in the ink of condition.

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What kinds of gifts are appropriate for boys to give girls?
Boys' gifts to girls should be limited to candy, books or flowers. Gifts should be acknowledged immediately.

SOCIETY

Bernice Boyd spent part of her vacation in Sacramento.
Evelyn Moore, Florida Furtado, Margy Martin and Edith Oliveira spent the week end in San Jose with Evelyn's sister, Malea.
Genevieve Da Villa visited friends in Sonoma.
Dorothy Van der Voort spent her vacation in Oakland.
Frank Pimentel visited relatives in Palo Alto during the holidays.
Eva Teeter spent her vacation in the mountains.
La Verne Silva spent a week in Castro Valley.
Elizabeth Costa and her sister, Eva, entertained a group of their friends at a New Year's Party. Dancing and games were enjoyed by all present. At midnight supper was served.
Ruth Gomez spent a few days in Oakland and San Francisco.
Frances Milani visited in Oakland.
Margy Martin, Dorothea, Willis, Madeline Azevedo, and Bill Turner were students from school who attended a party in Mission San Jose last Saturday night. Some Alumni, who were there, were Leland Steinmetz, Josephine Boggini, Grace Dutra, and Mary Willis.

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WITH THE FACULTY

Mr. Kinney visited his sister in Vancouver, British Columbia. He returned in time to spend New Year's Eve in San Francisco.
Miss Joyce stayed at home in Alvarado.
Mr. Griffith was in Chico during the holidays.
Mrs. Wright was with her sister in Piedmont during the holidays.
Miss Taylor stayed with her family in Santa Ana.
Mrs. Morris visited in Watsonville.
Mrs. Jackson spent her vacation at her home in Berkeley.
Miss Wright stayed at home in Oakland.
Miss Sandholt stayed with her family in San Francisco.
Mr. Solvason visited relatives in San Francisco.
Mr. Gatchel and Mr. Metts enjoyed a trip to Yosemite Valley.
Mr. Kibby decided to be different and spent his vacation working at school.

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LARRY BETTENCOURT HONORED AT RECEPTION

The reception given in the honor of Larry Bettencourt on Dec. 22, 1927 was a huge success.

The high school auditorium was filled with people who were eager to see and hear the All-American football player.

Talks were given by several professors of St. Mary's College, and also by "Slip Madigan", the Coach, and Mr. Bettencourt.

An orchestra conducted by Anthony Bettencourt furnished the music, which was very good. Various entertainments were also put on by some of our students and Alumni. They were Doris Dutra, Marjorie Martin, Mae Dias, Sybil Botello, and Antoinette Botello. Larry received many presents from different persons.

After the reception the crowd went to the Parish Hall, Centerville, where they spent the rest of the evening in dancing, which was enjoyed by all present. The music was furnished by W. O. W. orchestra.

SENIOR DRAMATIC CLUB MEETING

Step by step the members of the Senior Dramatic Club are working toward their senior play. Since the Christmas vacation they have had two meetings. Most of the plays used in practice reading are selections from comedies. You see the meetings are not all work; there is some fun in them also.

NEW NILES THEATRE

Saturday January 21
Buck Jones in

"THE WHISPERING SAGE"
COMEDY AND NEWS

Sun. & Mon. January 22-23

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell
in

"7th HEAVEN"

COMEDY AND NEWS

Thursday, January 26

"THE ENCHANTED ISLAND"
COMEDY AND NEWS

Saturday January 28

Ether Kaiton in

"FIGURES DON'T LIE"
COMEDY AND REVIEW

Sun. & Mon. January 29-30

Wallace Beery and Raymond
Hatton in

"NOW WERE IN THE AIR"
COMEDY AND NEWS

Thursday Feb. 2

"CRADLE SNATCHERS"
COMEDY AND NEWS

COMING

Clara Bow in

"GET YOUR MAN"

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF BASEBALL

In the days when curves first came into existence an incident like the following happened.

Harry Cooper, a well built young man with crossed eyes, had retired from a position in the Foundry and was now tramping the roads. Besides this position he had also given up a position on the factory team as a pitcher. He would soon be addressed as Mr. Cooper as soon as he reached New York and the Yankees.

Father Time had just called one o'clock. Harry walked at his leisure down the street in the town of Blackstone, finally strolling into the "Golden West Bottle Drink."

Across the street gloom fell in dark clouds over the club house of the "Willow Clubs." The inside story was that they had traveled thirty miles to play the one and only game of the season. They had hired a professional to pitch for them but alas, he had not come.

Harry Cooper strolled up to the bar and called for a small glass of beer. Just then a man in tweeds and a baseball shirt came in and asked for a glass of beverage. "Happen to know where I can find a pitcher?" inquired the athlete of the bartender. "Nope and wouldn't tell you if I did," was the reply. After finishing the drink, he walked out and Harry followed him.

As they entered the club house the manager of the Willows said, "Boys, there's nothing to do but lose the game." But the boys protested with howls. Just then Harry inquired in earnest, "May I twirl for your team today sir? Being a pitcher for my home

town factory team, I expect to help your team." The manager was in deep despair but he finally thought he would try him out.

The team being completed, they traveled to the baseball field in a "rig" drawn by an old "Plug." On their way they had to duck away from flying tin cans, apples, and stones thrown by the unfriendly boys of the town.

The Willows were allowed ten minutes to practice on the diamond. Harry, now in full uniform was to warm up with the manager. The first ball caught the manager in the middle section, leaving him in a gasping condition. Coming up to Harry he grasped the boy's hand and said, you're one of those curve pitchers I see. All you have to do is to throw those new tangled curves and we have them stumped for all the pitchers here can do nothing but to throw the ball straight.

Harry had pitched a wonderful game against the "rusty gate" hitters of the Blackstone Bears. He had fed them with a slow out-curve mixed in with an in-curve now and then. One of the boys said, "It's his eye that does it. See. He's looking one way and throws to the other direction. That's what fools us." Everyone believed it after the Blacksmith, the "Babe Ruth" of Blackstone struck thrice in succession, spinning around twice after the last strike. Not one of them could hit Harry's curve-ball. The game was called with the score Willow Club 63, Blackstone 0. Harry had to run after the game so that he wouldn't be tarred and feathered by the village folk.

As Harry Cooper slept under a hay stack, little did he dream that some day he would gain fame as a ball player, not as a pitcher, but as a second baseman and with his eyes in a natural condition.

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GIRLS RECEIVE ATHLETIC AWARDS

On the Friday before Christmas vacation twelve girls were awarded awards. There were six Sophomores, three Juniors and three Seniors. They are as follows.

1. Julia Allegrotte
2. Aurelie Antron
3. Elizabeth Costa
4. Lena Dutra
5. Edith Goulart
6. Mary Janeviro
7. Daisy Mendenhall
8. Louise Neves
9. Jovanna Seacoff
10. Elsie Sutter
11. Margaret White
12. Dorthes Willis

SERVICE CLUB

Monday, Jan. 9th the Boys' Service club had the first meeting for this year. The meeting was called to order by John Andrade, vice president of the organization.

There were various discussions on the problems of the school. They are planning to carry out several experiments to make improvement about the school.

The two candidates were recently voted into the club. They are Eugene Dusterberry and Richard Silva.

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