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## A Merry Christmas

### Lock Haven Made Teacher's College

State Council Authorizes Four-Year Courses and Graduate Degrees — Full Rank as Teacher's College — Two-Year Rights Unchanged. Fifty Start Degree Work

#### THREE PLAYS GIVEN BY DRAMATIC CLUB

THREE very fine one-act plays were presented by the Dramatic Club on December 10th. The plays varied from light comedy to tragedy. There was opportunity in "My Lady's Lace" for some fine costuming. The costumes were planned and made by members of the Club under the direction of Miss Alber.

The Comedy, "My Lady's Lace," portrayed a Dutch scene of the period of 1660. David Ulmer, as Mynheer Cornelis, did some splendid work as the irate father who endeavors to force his dainty and attractive daughter, Antje, played by Josephine Viering, to marry the son of his friend, Jonkheer Ian, a Beau Brummel of the period. In order to convince her father that he is unworthy of her, Antje conceived a plan whereby the superficiality of Jonkheer, his avarice, and his conceit, together with his contempt for her father, are revealed. Mynheer and Antje's nurse, Maeder Kaatje, overhears the scheme and drive him from the garden. Jonkheer Ian, the French dude, played by Clarence Williams, was very effectively characterized, and created considerable humor. Maeder Kaatje was taken by Margaret Mortimer.

"The Forfeit," by T. B. Rodgers, the heavy play of the evening, might have been a tragedy if Miss Hyde, the typist, played by Geraldine Taylor, had not assisted Howard Sheldon, very subtly played by Edward Shirkle, out of a bad predicament.

The scene is laid in the office of Penbery and Whittington, jewelers and merchants. Howard Sheldon is employed as deputy-clerk. In debt because of speculation, he steals a very valuable ring. When the robbery is discovered, he loses courage and with the assistance of Miss Hyde, with whom he is in love,

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GREETINGS, teachers colleges of the Union. A newcomer is about to take her place among you. An institution with fifty years and more of glorious history, now for the first time claims full collegiate rating.

The State Council of Education, met at Harrisburg on December 3, 1926, definitely and finally authorized Central State Normal School to offer full four years of work in all the fields of public school education, and to grant to those who successfully complete that work the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. With that authorization this school, to all intents and purposes, ceased to be a type of junior college, and became a teachers' college, on a parity with any teachers' college in the country.

Eighty-five graduates of this institution have filed requests for information concerning the course during the past year, most of these expressing determination to return to Lock Haven immediately upon the installation of the new courses; this, before any definite word could be given that the courses would be offered. With the announcement which Dr. Armstrong is now able to make it will be surprising if many more among the graduates of this school do not immediately seize the opportunity for advanced work and their college degree.

#### TWO-YEAR COURSES NOT AFFECTED

The two-year courses which have been offered in preparation for teaching in the primary and intermediate grades will not be affected by the new courses. Neither will the third year course in kindergarten education nor the three year junior high school course. Graduates of any of these courses will continue to receive their normal school certificate at the end of their shorter courses, and the normal school diploma as soon as they have completed two years of successful teaching.

Graduates of these courses will have all the rights they have always had, with the wonder-

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#### SCOTCH BARITONE TAKES AUDIENCE BY STORM

RATHER smaller than usual was the audience which filed into the auditorium on December 3 to hear Fraser Gange, the baritone of Scotch birth, whose landing in New York caused a small furore last winter. It is safe to say that there would not be an empty seat should Fraser Gange return. Voice, personality, interpretation:—"revelation" would not be too strong a term to use.

His baritone voice was beautifully trained. It was perfectly placed and perfectly controlled. It had surprising range. Warm, human, manly, in its natural range, it descended into deeper tones as smooth and full as dark velvet, and rose to the thin, clear sweet notes of a distant flute.

His voice was dramatic in quality. He sacrificed nothing from his interpretation for the sake of musical sweetness, even in his lighter numbers. He gave to "Mandalay" the tones of a British soldier in the ranks, and to "Kitty, Me Love," the growing exasperation of her Irish lover. The intelligence which marked his sizing up of his audience, his selection of songs, and his handling of situations permitted no weakening of thought for mere prettiness of singing.

He made no open effort to win his audience, nor was it necessary. His attractive dignity and his particularly attractive smile, after he had weighed his audience and judged that its applause was sincere, established his likability.

A World War veteran himself, he brought a complete group of songs in the German of Schumann, Schubert, and Strauss as the second part of his four-part program. When the applause that followed the final number compelled an encore, his sense of fitness caused

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# Happy New Year

## LOCK HAVEN MADE TEACHER'S COLLEGE

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ful Christmas gift in addition of being able to return after they have taught a while to take the additional work which will make them graduates of this Teachers' College.

### HIGH RECOMMENDATION FOR LOCK HAVEN

This right to grant degrees was not attained until this school's qualifications for doing work of collegiate grade had been minutely examined. The State Council of Education is exceedingly careful to whom that right is given. It is exceedingly jealous of the good fame which should attach to the awarding of baccalaureate degrees, and rightly so.

Lock Haven Normal had to undergo the same searching examination that every institution which applies for college rating must submit to. The qualifications of every member of the faculty were inquired into. The condition of the school property, the nature of its courses, the value of the work done in its classrooms, the stiffness of the entrance requirements, and the rigidity with which they were adhered to, etc., etc.; everything which would affect the training of undergraduate candidates for degrees had to be exactly right.

Dr. Armstrong may take pride in the fact that, due to the care with which he has administered every phase of this school's organization, this school was able to meet every test and to receive its collegiate privileges upon its first application.

### DR. ARMSTRONG ANNOUNCES NEWS

Dr. Armstrong somehow was able to come back from Harrisburg following that meeting, to go to his desk and about his duties as usual, and to keep that news under his hat until Monday morning at 9:30. Not an intimation of it leaked out until he was ready.

He was not ready until he had every member of his faculty lined up on the auditorium platform Tuesday morning, with the assembled student body in their chapel seats wondering what was about to blow off. He was not ready then until the regular course of the chapel exercises had been run, with the faculty getting just as mystified as the students. He had even then to read the usual grist of announcements.

In an absolutely typical fashion he had to announce first of all with—is it the dry humor of his Scotch heritage?—complete seriousness that he had brought the faculty together to see how well the student body marched to music. Then he was ready, but not overready.

"There have been great dates in the history of this normal school," he began—and everyone knew that something out of the ordinary impended. "There was February 23, 1870, when the Clinton County Courts issued the charter authorizing the establishment of a state normal school at Lock Haven.

"There was September 17, 1877, when this school first opened its door to undergraduates. Since that date 3,900 men and women have graduated from Lock Haven Normal School and gone out to be a credit to this Commonwealth.

"There was August 18, 1914, the date when the State of Pennsylvania acquired in full the rights and interests of this school, and made it in the fullest sense a state institution.

"There was a day within this past year when this school was authorized to give a third-year course in Kindergarten Education, the only normal school in this commonwealth which has that privilege. I consider that truly one of the big days, the eventful days, for Central State Normal School.

"And now there is December 3, 1926." And then came the announcement, simply worded, giving little hint of the planning or of the work that had laid behind it, announcing the fact of the degree-granting privilege, and indicating just a little of how much it meant for the future of Lock Haven.

A spattering of hands in the audience and on the platform indicated how much by surprise the news had come, and a growing volume of clapping marked how the significance of that news began to dawn.

A burst of music from the orchestra, and the student body marched out to talk it over.

Many of the present senior class will, of course, continue until June and then go out into teaching. How many will take up immediate advantage of their chance Normal Times has been unable to check up. There are a number, however, who have definitely made up their minds to go on through for their degrees, and that number will increase as Commencement approaches.

Purely as a guess, though a conservative one, on the basis of the number of former alumni who have agreed to return and on some other scattered data, there will be between 100 and 150 students registered in the third and fourth year of work here next September.

### Member of Normal's First Faculty Dies

In the opening days of this month at Philadelphia a member of the first faculty that ever taught an undergraduate of Central State Normal School, was breathing his last. Dr. J. W. Bright, of the faculty of Johns Hopkins University, professor of languages and literature for the first two years of this school's existence, died in the Sinai Hospital.

Born in Aaronsburg, bound out when a boy to a farmer in Penn's Valley, a clerk later in the axe factory store of Robert Mann at Mill Hall, he went to Lafayette College and graduated as the valedictorian of his class. The commencement address for his class was delivered by William Cullen Bryant, who presented the young valedictorian with a signed copy of eight of his poems.

He was brought to Lock Haven Normal School soon after his graduation, and taught for two years under the first principal of this school, Dr. Albert N. Raub. He left here at the end of two years to take a post-graduate course in medicine at Johns Hopkins University, and followed his work there with two years in Heidelberg, Germany. On his return to this country he was elected to the faculty of Johns Hopkins University, and to that school devoted the remaining forty years of his life.

## First Normal School Health Conference Held Here

The first health conference of the pre-school child in connection with any of Pennsylvania's state normal schools was held in the psychology clinic of the Central State Normal School on December 7-9 inclusive, by Dr. Mary Riggs Noble, chief of staff of the pre-school division of the Department of Health at Harrisburg, and special agent of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor at Washington, D. C.

Before each child appeared for his health examination his life history had been secured for Doctor Noble, therefore she immediately gave special attention to a complete and painstaking physical examination. She entered into each case carefully with one or both of the parents present.

These guardians and parents visited the psychology clinic with their children, and registered the children for the health examinations: Miss Lena Kennedy, Superintendent of the Children's Home, who entered ten children from this institution; Mrs. Homer H. Gage, executive secretary of the Community Service Bureau; Mrs. Carroll All, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Long, Mrs. Carson Perry, who registered two children each for examination; and Mr. Francis Seymour, Mrs. J. Sheasley, Mrs. Paul Kock, Mrs. Joseph Smart, Mrs. John Wagner, Mrs. C. B. Kirk, of Mill Hall; Mrs. John Shoemaker, Mrs. Howard Caselberry, Mrs. W. Brown Elliott, Mrs. Forrest Maggs, Mrs. Frank Kyler, Mrs. John Whiteleather, Mrs. Ray Emert, Miss Mary Donovan, Mrs. Leon Brunner, Mrs. Ray Wadsworth, Mrs. Harry Hawkins, Mrs. C. W. Stratton, Mrs. Howard Pickering, Mrs. Paul Sampson, Mrs. John A. Yost, Mrs. Harry Spotts, Mrs. Charles Farwell, Mrs. Thomas Jamison, Prof. and Mrs. C. M. Sullivan, Mrs. E. W. Fabel, and Mrs. Mabel Bernstein.

Other visitors were Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Armstrong, Mr. M. DeTurk High, and Miss Sue Northey.

Forty-six children were examined, the entire number enrolled in the kindergarten, and five additional children from the training school. Observers numbered over 25. The entire number of those who were in attendance were over 125.

Dr. Noble addressed the Rotary Club on Tuesday, and the Kiwanis Club on Thursday, using as her theme "The Child-Health Program in Pennsylvania."

Dr. Noble's visit was arranged by Miss Minnie Jane Merrells, of our Department of Education and Psychology, who on Wednesday night entertained in honor of Dr. Noble. Her guests were the members of the pre-school psychology class: Mrs. B. F. Long, Misses Helen Marr, Helen Swartz, Vivian Eberhart, Mary Myers, and Ursula Ryan, Mrs. D. W. Armstrong, Mrs. Christine Richens, and Miss Elizabeth Rearick.

Dr. Noble lectured on child welfare work to the students at the assembly hour on Thursday morning. Her excellent work here, rendered in so much detail, and at such physical strain, indicates the value of the work being rendered to the state by Dr. Miner's health staff.

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he successfully establishes an alibi, when Mr. Penbery, a difficult part done by Wilford Pomeroy, interviews him to investigate the matter. The statement of the char-woman is discounted and she becomes a pathetic character because she is suspected of being a thief.

Mary Kirby, as the office-boy Thrupp, discovers the ring which has been hidden, in her efforts to clear Sheldon.

Edward Sherkel gave a splendid picture of a guilty thief, and was ably supported by Geraldine Taylor.

Some people would rather walk a mile than use a telephone, but not so in the household of Mrs. Oakley, the young bride, for here the telephone rang incessantly and kept the excitable but good-natured cook, Mary, and Emma, the awkward and timid German maid, and even Mrs. Oakley herself, busy answering it.

Mrs. Oakley has invited her husband's friend, Harry Colby, to dinner. She asked Mary to telephone him and tell him to be prepared to stay all night. Mary also called Mr. Oakley's office. She confuses the numbers and a very humorous situation was the outcome.

Constance, a friend of Mrs. Oakley, visited her and during their conversation, she told Mrs. Oakley that she had broken her engagement with Harry Colby. Mrs. Oakley very cleverly arranged to have Constance and Harry meet at dinner. Constance was obliged to call Mr. Oakley, asked him to meet her and Mary gave the wrong number too.

Claudia Kelley, as the Irish cook, splendidly characterized the good-natured Irish woman—quick to anger and quick to smile.

Emma, the German maid, who is so pigeon-toed she falls over her own feet, and so much in love with her Adolph that she can't hear the telephone bell without inquiring in her broken English, "Was is for me, Mary?" was ably played by Kathleen Hendricks.

Betty Hubley, as Constance, well characterizes a young woman who's pride has been injured.

Mrs. Oakley, the frivolous and flighty bride, was well played by Elmeda Richardson.

## New Heating System Explained to Primary Subjects Class

Mr. Miller, the construction engineer installing the new heating system, made a very instructive talk to the girls of Doctor Smith's Primary Subjects class on Thursday, November 18. The class is studying the teaching of Geography and as a basis for the presentation of the subject of fuel. Doctor Smith suggested "beginning at home." Mr. Miller was asked to come to speak to the girls, and, knowing all the "ins and outs" of the system, was able to answer every question asked. Many of the girls had taken no particular interest in the work going on about them, but by the time Mr. Miller was finished the whole class was anxious to go down to the power house and see things firsthand.

# The Christmas Season at C. S. N. S.

## Christmas Party Enjoyed by Fifth and Sixth Grades

The Christmas party given in fifth and sixth grades on Tuesday, December 21, this year, was a joint affair, each grade preparing its own program and giving it for the members of the other class.

Included in the program of the sixth grade were "A Wishing Tree" and "From the Orient They Came A-Riding," sung by the class. The familiar scene between Scrooge and his nephew, from "The Christmas Carol," was dramatized, and a play, "The Children's Carol," was given by members of the class. In the play were shepherds, children, kings, and angels. The children were all in costume and everything was in keeping with the spirit of Christmas. The members of the class also decided to draw ships and exchange gifts.

The fifth grade program was somewhat similar to that of the sixth grade in that part of their program consisted of carol singing. Several of the children undertook to read and recite poetry and also to tell stories to the class. Two of their stories, "Why the Chimes Rang" and "The Rich Are Generous," were dramatized.

Supervising the sixth grade program was Miss Pollick, assisted by members of the class and the following student teachers: Miss Wahl, Miss Ruddy, Miss Doble, Miss McCawley, Miss Blumenshine, Mrs. Kane, Miss McCloskey, Miss Hey, and Miss López.

Miss Linderman directed the work in fifth grade, assisted by the class and the following student teachers: Miss Allen, Miss Smith, Miss Fleck, Miss McHale, Miss Herschock, Miss López and Miss Escobar.

## Old Normal at Christmas

On December 25 the old brick buildings known to us as C. S. N. S. are quiet and solitary. The campus is hidden under a white sheet of snow, and the boughs of the beautiful pines bend down under the white weight. Like icicles growing up from the ground the shrubbery near the entrance stands stiffly erect.

There is no sign anywhere of Christmas dinner, unless it may be where a stray mouse is feasting on the crumbs of some one's forgotten cake, secure in the feeling that he will not be disturbed.

The halls are quiet. The dining room chairs settle back happily, ready for a little while to relax without the clamor of the usual dinner rush and bang. The library settles down to enjoy a little peace. The poor old blue room may look yearningly out toward the hall for a few visitors with whom it may share a little Christmas spirit.

The training school clock goes right along striking the hours and ticking off the minutes, perhaps feeling that on Christmas day it should have more glances rather than so few, but uncomplaining. In the office the clock ticks. Bells ring through empty halls.

Bells ring. Mr. Ulmer slides in for mail. He goes out. Belvie's door clicks; he goes down town. Bells ring. Bells ring. Mr. Walk comes in. Down the empty halls go his feet....tramp....tramp.....tramp....

There is no joy at Central State when we have a holiday.

## Y. W. Holds Japanese Bazaar

A "grab bag," containing Japanese articles, helped the "Y" financially and added to the fun as well at the annual Christmas Japanese Bazaar of the Y. W. C. A. in the gym, Saturday evening, December 4. All kinds of Japanese articles suitable for Christmas gifts were sold, besides "eats"—candy, peanuts, popcorn, and polarpies.

A fortune telling booth was in charge of Louise Young and Helen Westrick. Another feature of the evening was the side show, with Mr. Dyck acting as advertising manager, and Rose Bower as ticket collector. The performers were Sterl Artley and Mildred Reiter. Any one who didn't see this side-show missed part of his education. Not many people knew of Mildred Reiter's mind-reading powers before.

The program of the evening was well appreciated. Alice Hesser and Agnes Kelly sang, assisted by Reba Johnson and Gwin Knapp. Miss Rearick gave a clog dance which was particularly enjoyed. Violet Duck sang some children's Christmas songs. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing, the school orchestra furnishing the music.

All together the Y. W. cleared about twenty dollars. This money will take care of any Christmas social service work the "Y." may do.

The credit for the social part of the evening goes to Ruth Oechler, social chairman of the Y. W. The "eats" were taken care of by Ethel Baumgartner and Anna Fleck. Kathryn Orth, chairman of the ways and means committee of the Y. W., and Margaret Wambaugh, Violet Duck and Marie Eckert had charge of the Japanese goods.

## Christmas Tree for Beginners

The annual Christmas party which was held, Tuesday, December 21, will be a joyful recollection in the minds of the little kindergarten and first grade children. The entertainment comprised Christmas songs, games, stories and poems. Many of the parents were present to enjoy the achievements of their children.

Miss Northey and her teachers (Alice Corby, Ann Fahlman, Louise Cogswell, Mary Margaret Adams, Ione Potter, Alice Hesser, Mabel Kline and Viola Statler), supervised the decorating of the room as a Christmas fairyland. All the decorations for the tree were the presents for the first grade children. Thus the kindergarten children exemplified the principle that "giving is more blessed than receiving."

## Spirit of Christmas Reigns at C. S. N. S.

The Spirit of Christmas danced merrily through the corridors of C. S. N. S. on Tuesday evening, December 21. It brightened up all dark corners and brought great happiness to every one.

It brought the faculty, their families and the entire student body to the dining room where Miss Dahle served a delicious chicken dinner. The dining room was decorated with gay Christmas colors. In the center stood a large Christmas tree bright with tinsel and twinkling lights. The tables were decorated with red and green novelties and gleaming red candles.

Every one was delighted with the carols sung by the Glee Club and with the music furnished by the orchestra.

Rippling laughter, merry music, and flickering lights chased each other around the room wishing a happy time to every one.

Suddenly a tinkling of bells was heard and Santa Claus (Mr. Sullivan), dashed into the room with a great bag of gifts. Oh! but he was a nice jolly Santa Claus with a surprise gift for every one. There were dolls, balls, whistles and toys of all kinds and every one was delighted with his gift.

Finally, when merriment was at its highest, every one was invited over to the "gym" to dance. Here every one danced to music furnished by the school orchestra.

At 10:15 o'clock the Spirit of Christmas winked and the gym lights went out. The Spirit had an elfish grin upon his face as he scampered in and out among the girls on their return to the "Dorm." Then at 10:30 the lights went out and the Spirit tripped through the halls whispering, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

## Junior High Observes Christmas

On the morning of December 22, the Junior High School held its Christmas program. The Music Department did its part with the carols. Each class had its own particular carol to sing as a surprise to the other classes. A girl's chorus sang some lovely pieces. The musical part of the program was all that could be desired. Hearing the old carols sung so sweetly seemed to make every one feel happy.

Each department contributed something. The English classes gave a delightful dramatization of the old favorite, Dicken's "Christmas Carol."

All things that go to make up a good program—songs, speeches, exercises, etc., were well given and a credit to the Junior High School.

If you see any Juniors stealing along the walls, peeping around the corners, tiptoeing down the halls, or using out of the way routes, do not suspect them of burglary or murder or something. They are just avoiding the Seniors.

## The Wisdom of Foolish Christmas Gifts

Do the wise thing at Christmas by giving "foolishly." Do not regard your gifts merely as an exchange or in a cold term of charity. There is another sort of charity, a charity of spirit, which is better expressed in a ten-cent toy than in a ton of coal. Give for the pure joy of giving and for the joy the gift will bring. Give to the child the things that are the child's; remember a friend as a friend. Think of the poor and needy not in the terms of food and clothing but in terms of human cheer. The gift which is merely useful often lacks the sentiment behind it. This is the kind of sentiment which Edgar A. Guest likes to put into his Christmas and which he recommends to others. He believes in the "foolish" Christmas gift, for he says "happiness is born of sentiment. Reason is cold and sometimes cruel, but sentiment is always gentle. Sentiment may be foolish and extravagant but it believes in Christmas and it believes in making others happy.

So always to do the wise thing at Christmas is not always to make others happy. Christmas is a day for love and peace and happiness; and if toys make children happy, why I think we should give them toys. If one wants to give useful gifts there are 364 other days to give them. Let people give useful and needy things before or after Christmas; as there is no occasion to wait for the one day in the year dedicated to love and sentiment. Very many people think that Christmas is only for children and that it is a gift-giving contest. It is true sometimes that gifts spread more sadness than happiness; poverty is magnified and wealth goes to the extreme. Every giver now expects to receive. Most people that think these things are grouches, if you notice. It is true that the happiness of one sometimes accentuates the misery of another. It is true that men and women do foolish things at Christmas time; but when did cold wisdom ever make a person happy? A truly sane Christmas would be a miserable one. The true spirit of Christmas isn't to be wise but to be kind. It is of love rather than of wisdom. For those twenty-four hours we are given a glimpse of what this world might be if we all lived our best.

## Unusual Christmas Party Given in Third Grade

Third grade enjoyed an unusual Christmas party, Tuesday, December 21. Miss Leshar, with the help of Miss Dixon and the health education teachers of that grade, put on as the main feature of the party an Old English Christmas festival.

The setting of the playlet was in an English Inn with travellers from different countries entering and representing their countries with typical dances. The kindergarten lent their large room for the party.

### It Doesn't Make Much Difference

The blue pencil traced hurriedly over the closely written page. Ten—ten—one-half—ten—ninety-five per cent. Tuba—tubae—ut. Ten—ten—Hum. Sixty-nine. Not so good. Well, I guess I'll have Pete take Latin over next year. I could pass him. He works pretty hard too, but—oh, well!—the mark is down now. Guess it won't make much difference."

Another closely written page. The blue pencil traced hurriedly over it. Ten—ten—ten—ninety. Good! Professor Pound gathered his papers together and prepared to leave his office. He felt a keen sense of satisfaction, as one having done a good day's work and deserving a rest, which he certainly did.

"The marks are out, fellows," screamed a short, red-headed boy across the campus. "Whatcha' make in Physies?" "Seventy-five?" "Good stuff ole man!" "Huh? Ninety in Math?" "Say, where's the drag?" "That was some little ole line I handed the old man, wasn't it?" "Whatcha say, Pete, ole man? Flunked Latin! Too bad, old boy, but try'er again next year. What's that you say, quitting? Say, can that stuff."

Pete Saunders sat in his room, gazing out of the window with a far-away look on his face. "I did my best, mother," he whispered, "but I guess I'm a failure." He walked to his working table and drew out a worn leather purse. He dumped the contents on the table—a two-dollar bill and several coins. "I don't imagine this would bring me back next year," he said with a queer smile, "but I guess it won't make much difference."

### Junior High School Issues "Times"

As a result of the efforts of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade English classes, the Junior High School had been able to issue a paper which they call the J. H. S. Times. The paper consists of one page of hectographed material and is very complete in news, besides giving the Board of Editors and a poem, "The Blanket of Frost," by Ruth Gardner.

The Board of Editors are: Lorraine Burnell, Margaret Adams, Mary Ulmer, Thomas Aikey, Florence Baird, Anna Barnard, Donald Davies, James Miller, Sarah Moran, Elizabeth Parker, and Eleanore Smart.

### A Pleasant Surprise

Agnes Kelley was pleasantly surprised when she received her birthday box from home consisting of many good things to eat.

The biggest surprise of the day took place Saturday evening, December 4, when, at ten o'clock, Kelley was ushered into one of the rooms and beheld a birthday table set for ten: Al Hesser, Helen Shearer, Mary Raymond, Guin Knapp, Mid Plummer, Eveleyn Kerrigan, Peg McHale, Eleanor Little, and Jerry Conway.

The menu consisted of roast chicken, potato salad and many other delicious eats, which helped to make the party a pleasant and "good" one.

Every one was at the height of glory when the ten-thirty bell rang and the lights—went out!

### Pageant Project Presented

A history pageant, "The Answer," was presented in the morning chapel period on November 23 by the ninth grade of the training school. The seventh and eighth grades and fourteen girls from the fourth grade assisted.

The theme of the pageant was the meaning of Armistice Day, among the notes touched being America's unwillingness to hurl herself into war without just cause, her willingness to fight when necessary to oppose tyranny and injustice, and her earnest hope that her sacrifices in the last war have done something to banish war from the earth.

The value of this particular pageant was that every student in the junior high school was able to participate, and that the work correlated with the regular activities of all other departments. Paper cutting, pasting, drawing, research for costumes, costume design, and sewing motivated many lines of activity.

The final tableau, with Paritans, the original states of the union, the representatives of oppressed nationalities, etc., grouped about the platform, filling it to capacity, with red, white, and blue streamers radiating from America to all the new states kneeling across the front of the footlights, caused the curtain to be drawn in spontaneous applause.

The work reflects credit on the entire junior high school, and particularly on Miss Russell and her corps of history teachers, especially since the pageant as presented was a natural outgrowth of the work of the school and not a carefully rehearsed, time-consuming, school-disrupting public entertainment.

Among the main characters were Annabell Aikey as America, Mildred Beigler as Progress, Edgar Mader as the Herald, Elizabeth Miller as Justice, Elizabeth Paeker as Liberty, Dale Knarr as Oppression, and Harry Aikey as Fear.

### Students Enjoy Faculty Vespers

An excellent program was given by the faculty at Sunday evening vespers, November 21.

The student body showed their appreciation of this program by turning out in larger numbers than ever before this year.

A quartet, composed of Miss Whitwell, Miss Ammon, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Dyck, sang "Into the Woods With My Master," by Sidney Lanier, and "Day Is Sinking in the West."

Miss Ammon accompanied the quartet on the piano. Miss Whitwell took further charge of the services.

### Training School Gives Thank-giving Donation

Apples, cabbages, squashes, jellied fruit and vegetables of all kinds! What does it all mean? Signs of a bountiful harvest are obvious in the training-school corridors.

This liberal donation was made by the training-school children for the hospital. Such a spirit gives Thanksgiving a real meaning—one which places giving above receiving and trains the child to have a more thoughtful regard for those who are less fortunate.

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him to select the Evening Song from "Tannhauser." The grasp of musical value and the excellence of his German diction were remarkable. The reception of this group by Gange's audience here is proof that audiences are more ready to welcome back the richesses of German music than concert singers are to risk their selection.

"Vittoria! Vittoria!", a one-time favorite with nearly every concert singer which has been too long absent from any program, was dusted off and used by Mr. Gange as his second number. It well deserves the place it once held, as its reception here indicated.

"Mandalay" was undoubtedly the 'hit' of the evening with the school. All the next day would-be concert artists were singing it about the school, trying to capture the accents with which Gange made that British soldier come to life in his singing. The revelation in this usually murdered favorite of the part which thought, understanding, interpretation plays in the effects which a singer of intelligence gets, of the manner in which thinking must control words and music, was too obvious and too perfect to be missed by the dumbest among us.

Three of Gange's encore's should receive more attention than they can get here for the same reasons: "The Smugglers' Song," "When Song Is Sweet," and "Will You Marry Me, Kitty, Me Love," were all taken in one hundred per cent by the student body.

Behind one number on Gange's program there is a story which ought to be told. A footnote at the end of the program explained that two songs in the third group, "Cavalier" and "Beauty," were poems of John Masefield's, as yet unpublished, but that the music of Mr. Samuel Lewis, a young American composer, would be recognized. This is the story which that formal note conceals:

The assistant director of the Dresden Opera, a young American, Samuel Lewis, decided to risk his future on his faith in himself as a composer rather than a director of music, resigned his position, and came back to New York. There he came perilously close to starvation. His work was too modern in structure, too new; he could find no one to accept it. Within the year—for Gange has been in this country no longer than that—he met with Fraser Gange, who called his attention to a sheaf of Masefield's poems. Lewis lost his heart to them, and began immediately as a labor of love to set them to music. To date he has given musical settings to no less than fifty of Masefield's poems, his songs have made a sensation among singers, and he is on the highroad to fame.

It is believed that Mr. Gange's experience with his Lock Haven audience has repeated that of many of his predecessors. Uncertain and inclined to doubt at first, he listened for the perfunctory note in the applause; he seemed just a little ready to believe that this audience would not be appreciative. Within three numbers he was certain of reception, sure of his audience's appreciation, and appreciative of his audience.

His program:

#### I

- (a) Sebben Crudele .....Caldara  
(b) Vittoria! Vittoria! .....Carissimi  
(c) Hear Me! Ye Winds and Waves!  
Handel

#### II

- (a) Traum durch die Daeammerung  
Strauss  
(b) Ungeduld ..... Schubert  
(c) Der Neugierige .....Schubert  
(d) Fruhlingsnacht ..... Schumann  
(e) Ich Grolle Nicht .....Schumann

#### III

- (a) O Let the Solid Ground  
Arthur Somervell  
(b) Birds in the High Hall Garden  
Arthur Somervell  
(c) Cavalier ..... Samuel Lewis  
(d) Beauty ..... Samuel Lewis  
(e) Mandalay ..... Oley Speaks

#### IV

- (a) Turn Ye to Me.....Old Scottish  
(b) Leezie Lindsay .....Old Scottish  
(c) Border Ballad .....Old Scottish

### Miss Atherton Has Mishap

Miss Selma Atherton, of the faculty, dislocated the ulna and radius in her right arm when she fell from a car on Thursday evening, November 18. The accident occurred on Water Street near the Presbyterian church.

She was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital on Friday, November 19. The dislocation required six settings and she was compelled to stay in the hospital until Tuesday noon, November 25. The same day she arrived at the Normal School for her afternoon classes.

### On Other Campuses

Chadron, Nebraska, in addition to a conference championship football team manages to put on a debating squad of sixteen, selected from a large field by competition. An affirmative, a negative, and an all-girls team are selected from the squad.

The "Sagamore," of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Normal, made the All-American rating in the U. of Wisconsin contest last year, scoring 930 points.

Queen Marie was forced to cancel, among other engagements, her promised visit to Tempe, Arizona, Normal, when the illness of King Ferdinand brought her visit to an unexpectedly sudden close.

The Northern Normal News, of Marquette, Michigan, Normal, has been running the fullest alumni news section of any of the many normal school papers received by Normal Times as exchanges.

The cornerstone of a \$150,000 dormitory was laid at Muncie, Indiana, state normal school on December 3. The dormitory is the gift to the school of the Ball family, for whom the school is named, Ball Teachers' College.

The Junior Colleger, of Riverside, California, has resumed relations with us after a short vacation. Their very live little paper, a four-page, four-column sheet, is well edited and usually breezy enough to be missed when we do not receive it.

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## A Teachers College

A Teachers College! The news is so new that it is hard yet quite to realize just how much it means to Lock Haven Normal. A more mature student body. Longer-lived traditions. More ambitious club work. The greatest opportunities which can be offered to the young men and women of the whole of Central Pennsylvania in the way of professional education. A larger school. Greater rewards to men students. Larger prospects for our graduates, more positions and perhaps more dignified ones. Increased responsibilities, too. Central State must fill a bigger order than ever before, for this school must continue to rest content with nothing short of maximum service to its graduates and to the schools of Pennsylvania.

Rather a jumble of ideas this. Naturally so. Only time can work out all that this means to us. Two things are certain: Central State will measure soberly up to its opportunities, and—the dreams of the founders of this school have been realized!

## Cultivate a Quiet Voice

Every one recognizes the beauty of a quiet voice and a gentle manner, but few realize the power that lies in them. Students that intend to become teachers or that expect to be in charge of younger children should learn that a direction spoken quietly is far more effective than one that is screamed out at the top of an angry voice. Bluster is the self-revelation of weakness.

## Good Looks

The mind is like wax to receive and like steel to retain the channels in which we allow our thoughts to run. It isn't altogether what a woman does or says as the days and years go by that affects her appearance, it is the feelings and motives behind the acts and words in daily reaction to people and things, which mark themselves upon her face and radiate in her personality.

The Senior sorority girls are staging a clean-up, press-up, run-up campaign. The Juniors are being initiated.

## Playing Up to Santa Claus

I think the thing that gives you the most joyful and "Christmassy" feeling is playing up to Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

The credulous children, burning up with excitement and wide awake with expectation, are sent early to bed with the caution that if Santa Claus comes and finds them awake, he will not stop to deliver their presents. They go to bed eagerly and after a few hasty, suppressed calls from room to room they subside to a sleep that is amazingly sound.

And then you brave the ascent to the attic for Christmas tree trimmings which the roving eyes of the children made it unsafe to bring down during the daytime. A suspended breath as a stair creaks, a suppressed groan as the inevitable balls rattle across the floor, a silent prayer as the bedroom doors are stealthily passed, and then the great deed is accomplished.

The thrill of unpacking the trimmings and exclaiming "Look at this one," "This horn blows," or "I remember where this hung last year"; the dizzy effects of trying to hang a star on the topmost branch; the fascination of hanging each ball, each string, each picture in the best place; the momentary fear of falling into the prickly tree; the sudden "Sh!"; the radiant, breathless moment of standing back to view the completed masterpiece; sensations to which no time other than Christmas Eve can give birth.

And when the presents are gathered up from queer, widely-scattered hiding places, you examine and comment on their gifts as you arrange them in their allotted space, summoning up visions of how they will be received in the morning. You receive your gifts in their wrappings, and finger them longingly, but determine to forego the pleasure of opening them until the morning.

A few desultory remarks and yawning snatches of conversation, and then you drift tired but happy up to bed to sleep contentedly and peacefully until you are summoned on Christmas morning by the loud, joyous shouts of the early rising children.

## Us and Others

The opening of the newly-paved Missing Link made its influence felt even at the Normal school on Sunday, November 21. Many folks from Williamsport motored up this way to try the new road and so made their trip worth-while and called on some Normalites.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner came to see Rosa Lee Hinkley.

Mary Kirby and Agnes Mattson were lucky, as usual. They were visited by Hazel Crumbling, Martha Geiger, Martha German and Ellen Kirby.

Kathryn Orth had callers, Mr. and Mrs. Bower and their two daughters.

Harriet Kelt was happy to welcome Miss Ruth Kelt, Mrs. Carrie Kelt, Benny Kelt, Miss Fisher and Mrs. Fisher.

Now that the mid-semester tests are over and with the whole Christmas vacation before them, we suppose the teachers are beginning to amuse themselves with thoughts of semester tests.

## A Swedish Christmas

Christmas is the biggest time of the year for the Swedish people, in America just as back in Sweden. Every member of the family who can possibly come home, comes, often bringing friends with them to spend the holidays. Much is made of the home-coming of each one by the whole family.

Preparations for the holiday are started at least two weeks in advance. Mothers are busy making fruit cake, candy, solta, lutfish, dryka, lingen, langemoose, korv, and so on. The rest of the family works daily to give the house a festive air and to prepare for those returning for the holiday.

The Christmas tree is trimmed by members of the family, the children often helping, as they are not brought up to believe that that is part of the duty of Santa Claus.

On Christmas eve the family gathers around the tree, and Santa comes in and distributes the presents. How he frightens some of the children, recalling black deeds of the past year; but his kind words and generous gifts always overcome their fear in the end.

About four-thirty on Christmas morning whole families, the very smallest children excepted, get up and go to Jullotta, the Christmas morning early service. As they walk to the church in the darkness, with the stars overhead and the church bells ringing in the distance, they forget about the good times and the gifts, which had seemed the whole spirit of Christmas in this age, and the true spirit and meaning of Christmas gets into them.

The church is always crowded at this service. Pews which are at other times empty or occupied by one or two are often filled with seven or eight. After the service the church fairly rings with greetings of Merry Christmas to acquaintances old and new.

At noon comes the big Christmas dinner. The table fairly groans under the weight of good things to eat, many of them old Swedish dishes: Lutfish, julagrot, doppa i grytan, and all.

## Educational Films Are Shown

Another educational film was shown in C. S. N. S. auditorium Tuesday evening, November 30, after dinner. The subjects of the films were Historic Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania of Tomorrow.

## First Floor West Displays Ability

We must hand it to the students on first floor west for their ability to show every one a good time. They most certainly did on Saturday night, November 20, when they entertained the students and faculty of C. S. N. S. in the gymnasium.

Their program was most original and grotesque. It was divided into three main groups. The Barnum and Bailey group, A Renowned Elocutionist, and the Phil Harmonic Chorus.

In the first group were Violet Duck, soprano soloist—"In the Middle of the Night"; Gwendolyn Stringfellow and Violet Duck, a duet—"Oh! No! John"; Marian Smith, accomplished whistler—"Sleepy Head," "Who Wouldn't"; Lucy May Mitchell, Reader—"Especially Jim." Ruth Adams, a Reading.

The second group comprised but one member, Elverda Richardson, who gave a reading entitled, "A Turkey for the Stuffing."

The Phil Harmonic Chorus was once upon a time the Glee Club Girls of first floor. They were en route from Pittsburgh to the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City and, being especially anxious to visit the old school where they had spent so many happy days, stopped off at C. S. N. S. for the weekend. They were especially grateful for the opportunity of displaying their talent to the school to which they were indebted for their success. The members of this chorus were as follows: Dorothy Campbell, Ruth Adams, Marian Smith, Grace Jenkins, Gwendolyn Stringfellow, Naomi Simar, Edith Hopkins, Nell Holten, and Violet Duck.

Dancing concluded the program. The music was also furnished by the members of the first floor.

## Mrs. Cresswell Gives Training School Children Physical Examination

A group of Training School children were examined by Mrs. Cresswell on November 16. From each grade all those who had colds or were in any other way unfit for school work were taken to Mrs. Cresswell in Room 128 West where a thorough physical examination was given.

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### Some Exchanges Disappear

We have missed some of the standbys of our exchange list this year. We hereby publicly invite each of them to resume their visits to us. Whatever they may thought of us last year, we appreciated:

- "The Tipster," Millersville, Pa.
- "The Student Voice," River Falls, Wis.
- "State College News," N. Y. S. College for Teachers.
- "The Paper Lantern," San Diego, Calif.
- "The Normal Trumpet," West Liberty, Va.
- "The Lewistonian," Lewiston, Idaho.
- "The Leader," Hays, Kan.
- "The Keyhole," Trenton, N. J.
- "The Indiana Penn," Indiana, Pa.
- "The Eagle," Santa Barbara, Calif.
- "Dec-N-Ess," Danbury, Conn.
- "The Collegian," Fresno, Calif.
- "The Clarion Call," Clarion, Pa.
- "The Bullet," Fredericksburg, Va.

Copies of all the exchanges received are kept on file in room 24. Students who wish to look them over may do so at any time that the room is open, which means any time between eight in the morning and six in the gloaming. Among the papers on our active list right now, coming from all parts of the country, are the following:

- "The Weekly Messenger," Ballingham, Wash.
- "Snapper," Millersville, Penna.
- "Virginia Messages," East Radford, Va.
- "Slippery Rocket," Slippery Rock, Pa.
- "Tempe Collegian," Tempe, Ariz.
- "Northern Normal News," Marquette, Mich.
- "Teachers' College News," Charleston, Ill.
- "Normal Pulse," Springfield, S. Dak.
- "Student," Warrensburg, Mo.
- "Maroon and Gold," Bloomsburg, Pa.
- "Spectator," Eau Claire, Wis.
- "Lamron, Monmouth, Oregon.
- "Lamron," Geneseo, N. Y.
- "Junior Colleger," Riverside, Calif.
- "Junior College Journal," Cleveland, O.
- "Journal," Ada, Okla.
- "Green Stone," West Chester, Pa.
- "Egyptian," Carbondale, Ill.
- "Eastern Progress," Richmond, Ky.
- "Easterner," Madison, S. Dak.
- "Easterner," Muncie, Ind.
- "Eagle," Chadron, Neb.
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### Pageant of Thanksgiving Staged in Gym

The spirit of the first Thanksgiving was ably depicted in a dramatization given by the girls of the fifth and sixth grades in the training school. The event took place Wednesday morning, November 24, in the gym. Much credit must be given to Miss Dixon, Agnes Mattson, the reader, Edith Hopkins, the pianist and the physical education teachers in these grades, for the success of the program. The work of the children was done in a most pleasing and successful manner.

The gym presented an attractive picture with ground pine, a log cabin, a wigwam, an outdoor fire, and the entire scene subdued by green light which covered the paper-covered windows.

All the mothers and fathers were invited and quite a large crowd attended. Every grade in the Training School, from the Kindergarten to the Junior High School, assembled in the gym.

The scene opened with a group of Indian maidens running past the wigwam in front of which sat two Indian Chiefs. Their graceful dance heralded the arrival of the Big Chief and the various other chiefs who then entered. At the same time Pilgrim men and women formed a group on the stage.

Here they stood watching while the Big Chief smoked the peace-pipe, calling to each of the four winds, who were represented by four chiefs. The pipe was then passed to the Pilgrim Father to smoke, who afterward offered up a prayer of Thanksgiving.

A dance by the Pilgrims followed, beautifully done. The men in their brown suits with white collars and high hats made picturesque partners for the demure gray clad maidens.

Another old-country dance by the Pilgrim children was also very well given.

The pageant ended by the Pilgrim Father inviting every one to a big Thanksgiving dinner.

One can judge the beauty and success of the pageant when it was esteemed worthy of repetition. It was given an encore performance Thursday, December 2, in the gym, for the benefit of the Normal students.

The marks for the first semester were a part of our happy Thanksgiving. However, we did not notice anyone's failure to return to school.



### Mrs. Cresswell Is the Possessor of Coat-of-Arms

On Mrs. Lydia Cresswell's return from her vacation, it was found that she had brought back with her a replica of the original Cresswell coat-of-arms in the stationary size. This is now turning yellow with age but as yet the insignia is distinct.

This paper has been in the United States for thirty years; Mrs. Cresswell does not know how much older it may be. The coat-of-arms consists of a crown tipped with a three-leaved clover; from the crown an arm appears bearing a cross, each arm of which is crossed again. Written underneath this is the motto—"Aut numquam tentes aut pericies," which Mr. Gage states is the Latin version of our modern English—"Never start anything you cannot finish."

Some time ago Mrs. Cresswell's nephew verified this coat-of-arms in the College of Heralds, London, England, and found that it was authentic and belonged to the Cresswells.

Besides this Mrs. Cresswell received a three-leaf pin of unpolished jet set with pearls which had an added value in that it is copied from the peculiar clovers used on the crown of the coat-of-arms.

Mrs. Cresswell has had plates of this coat-of-arms, which she intends to give to her children. It isn't every one who can find a coat-of-arms in the possession of their ancestors, so Mrs. Cresswell feels justly proud of hers.

### Glee Club Elects Officers

Marie McNellis was elected president of the Glee Club at its last regular meeting, November 18. At the same election Georgianna Clark was chosen vice president, Kathleen Hendricks secretary, and Ruth McCall librarian.



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### We Blame the Typographer

From Minneapolis came a letter to the Dean of Women inquiring about her new position. From the Dean of Women's office came the Dean of Women herself inquiring about that new position. The faculty adviser of the Normal Times looked blank; he had not heard of any new positions for any one.

The search was on. Back in the second issue of Normal Times for this year the trouble was located, in a small item in the lower right hand corner of the Klub Korner. The Beta Sigma Chi had held an inter-sorority tea, and the item as typed plainly stated, "Miss Roberts, sorority advisor, and sorority girls were in attendance." And that, very plainly, was that.

One letter makes all the difference—some time. It did in this case. Just add a single letter to this item. Put the letter s after "advisor." See? The sorority advisors are now in attendance, and Miss Roberts no longer even appears to be more than an honored guest. And that, very plainly, is as it should have been.

The mistake is not unimportant. The Dean of Women is not an adviser in any sorority. She feels very strongly that she and all other deans in all other institutions are well advised if they occupy very much interested but strictly neutral positions in all school organizations.

### Other Corrections

Other inaccuracies which cannot be attributed to our typographers, however, should be made here. The tests which have been given to the children of the kindergarten so far have been entirely physical tests; no mental tests have been given as yet. The tests have been administered by the students taking the course in "Measurement of Exceptional Children" and by Miss Merrells; the use of the term "students in pre-school education" was general, not specific, and may have lead to some misunderstanding as to the course of which the work has been a part.

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The Milwaukee papers send Miss Bentley and Miss Welsh off with a happy article. "The food is intelligently prepared, well cooked and attractively served \* \* \* and there is a pleasant, wholesome atmosphere about the new little tearoom which will be liked a lot."

With the city's two largest theaters located in the same block, the Silhouette Tea Shop should do as well as Miss Bentley's friends here desire.

**Students Enjoy an Illustrated Vesper Service**

The speaker in the Sunday evening Vesper service, December 5, put the message across through the eye and not the ear. Two films were shown to a very attentive audience.

The title of the first film was "He who loseth his life shall find it." It portrayed a young doctor who made a sacrifice of his future in order to save the community in which he practiced from an epidemic. Everything seemed over for him with nothing ahead but the dull drab everyday program of calling on patients, when he received another telegram. This time he answered it. The second one portrayed very vividly how the Christian is the only one who does have life immortal.

The golf course is not the only place for yelling "fore." A particular group of girls have been using it as an ambiguous pass-word in our halls.

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**Sororities Issue Bids to 38**

The climax of the sorority rushing season came when the bids were given out Monday, November 21, at 6:30 in the morning. All sororities gave out their bids at the same time according to intersorority agreement. By 8 o'clock Monday evening all three sororities had pledged those girls who had accepted their bids. The names of the pledges follow:

**Alpha Sigma Tau**—Peg Gradwell, Rosalie Hinkley, Mary Raymond, Dorothy Bastian, Martha Maitland, Adeline Eichler, Lucille Taylor, Florence Reed, Elizabeth Spotts, Eleanor Little, Geraldine Conway, Elva Green, Roberta Seltzer, Esther Smith, Margaret Breth and Dorothy Killen.

**Rho Omega Lambda**—Margaret Smith, Elizabeth Welsh, Verna Mae Kurtz, Harriett Kelly, Peg Wood, Peg Melvin, Betty Stammley, Dorothy Joy, and Mary Davidson.

**Beta Sigma Chi**—Geraldine Jones, Georgiana Clark, Mary Rodgers, Kitty McNearny, Margaret Coria, Helen Behrer, Claire Gallagher, Laura Stewart, Louise Bowes, Bertha Wolfe, Elizabeth Bressler, Anna Gilloegley, Julia Gibbons.

**Mrs. Foster Speaks to Y. W.**

Mrs. Foster, one of the Group Discussion leaders at the Eaglesmere Conference last June, was the speaker at the Y. W. devotional meeting on Wednesday night, November 17. She was here primarily to speak to Baptist girls during the day, but consented to speak to the Y. W. girls as well. Her talk concerned Y. W. C. A. work in many fields.

**The Glee Club Sings Carols**

Again this year as last year, carols were sung on the last morning the students spent here before Christmas vacation. The Glee Club decided to repeat their carolling, so they have been practising with that end in view.

On December 22 the band of singers started forth through the cold and darkness to give the old carols—Silent Night, Deck the Halls With Holly, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, and others which every one likes to hear.

Among the places visited were the Children's Home, the Hospital, the homes of Miss Lesher, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Trembath, Mr. Ulmer, Mr. Armstrong. This lasted only about an hour but the lovely carols spread a feeling of Christmas which more than repaid the girls for the cold which they felt.

**Y. W. C. A. Plan to Play Santa Claus**

Mending broken toys for the children of the city home and planning Christmas parties is just part of the Y. W. C. A. Christmas plans.

Under the supervision of Ethel Baumgardner, social service chairman, toys which are to be given to the city home children in conjunction with an informal Christmas party.

The Y. W. members are also preparing Christmas boxes and baskets for poor families in the city.

The Y. W. has also established a story-telling hour in the city home. Every Sunday afternoon, two members of the Y. W. go to the home to entertain the children with stories.

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## JUST ABOUT JERRY

### Jerry Lives Through a Rainy Day

"Jerry," said Betty, as she laughingly entered the room, "what are you doing?"

"What are you laughing at, any way?" Jerry answered, crossly. "I don't see anything to laugh at in this beastly place—always having to do what you don't want to do when you most don't want to do it. Just the same, day after day: get up by bells, eat by bells, sleep by bells! I feel like some sort of person living in an asylum."

Betty was silent.

Jerry continued: "I wish something would happen. Think I'll put on a slicker and go out and search for adventure."

"Pneumonia will happen if you do," retorted Betty.

"What business has it to be raining, anyway, when the sun ought to be shining?" put in Patty, drumming gloomily on the window-pane.

Just then there was a knock at the door, and a girl entered. "Miss Stewart," she said, "you have a caller, Mr. Frederick Kaye."

"Who's he, Betty?"

"Never heard of him. What do you suppose it can be?"

"An adventure—I know it's an adventure! Maybe your uncle that you never heard of has just died and left you a fortune; or maybe—Oh! Why

didn't it happen to me, when I'm so bored to death! Anyway, a second-hand adventure is better than none. Do hurry so you can tell me all about it! Yes, your hair looks all right," and Jerry pushed Betty out of the door.

Before she had settled herself down to work, Betty returned. "He didn't ask for me at all; he asked for Miss Stanley," she announced.

"How disgusting!" cried Jerry "What did the man look like?"

"Oh, he looked frightened and didn't do anything but stammer. I walked up to him and asked if he were Mr. Kaye. He stood up, stammered and blushed, and looked as if he wanted to deny it, but finally acknowledged that he was. I explained my business, and he stammered that he called to see Miss Stanley and that the girl who called me must have made a mistake. He was quite cross about it and acted as though I had insulted him. I apologized and backed out."

"Is that all?" Jerry asked disappointedly. "If I couldn't have a better adventure than that, I wouldn't have any."

"But, Jerry, when I told Sal about it, she insisted that he had asked for me."

"Ha! The plot thickens, after all. What do you suppose it means?"

Jerry shook her head. "There is a mystery somewhere, but its not very exciting."

That night at the dinner-table Jerry told the story of Betty's visitor.

"Why, I can tell you all about it," said one of the girls, who happened to know him. "He is the victim of a buried romance, it seems. Two or three years ago Mr. Kaye was engaged to a girl here in college whose name was Alice Stewart. He must have unconsciously asked for Miss Stewart just as he did three years ago, instead of asking for his cousin, whom he undoubtedly called to see. How I would have loved to have been there when Betty swept into the room," laughed Mil.

"Well," said Jerry, "I hope that is all. It's not much of a story, but it's a relief to have it concluded."

### Taking Subjects From Miss Smith

"I want to take the holidays"—Bea Richardson.

"I want to take food—that is an appreciation of food"—Betty Jordan.

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### Letters to and From

Living near the mail boxes proves to be most entertaining sometimes. Exclamations of all sorts are heard. The other day while listening to the excited group, some in earnest, others putting it on, I wondered if people didn't get tired of the same old thing day in and day out, just as tired of reading, "Dear—" and "Sincerely—" as we get of writing it.

Of course we know it is a rule of writing that the beginnings and endings must be just right, so that they will leave a good impression of the whole. Can't you make the first words and the last words of your letters not only correct but also a bit different from other people's? Really, it is not so hard as it sounds.

If you have never read "Daddy-Long-Legs," read it now, and get the idea that a perfectly good and interesting letter can be written without beginning "Dear—" and ending "Sincerely" or "Yours." You too can write such a letter by thinking hard for just a few seconds before and after you tell the news, and you need not be a genius to do it either.

Turn your words around, mix them up a bit, and see what you have. It is astonishing what a big difference there is between "Dear Mary" and "Mary Dear." If she is a very dear friend, she won't mind the superlative used very sparingly. Then, too, just "Mary" gives an intimate touch.

Search your memory for a nickname—the sort your friend likes. Or make up a brand new one all her own. It may give your chum a little thrill to hear her little girl name again, especially if she has been Katherine for very long.

Try impromptu nicknames that fit. Such as "Dear Girl I Like," may prove to be a good happy one; there are hundreds like it for every special friend. "Dear Grandma Who Sends Me Things" would be a good start for any school girl when writing to Grandma to thank her. "Chum Mine," "Mother o' Me," "Sister Sweet." Oh, they are endless! If you just simply can't think of a thing at the moment, it may sound cozy to start "H'lo" or "Dear Mary Dear."

Now for the upper right-hand corner. Nobody notices it unless you have moved or they want to refer to the date. Why not make it worth noticing by adding a twist to it. How do these sound? "Same Ole Place," "You No-where," "Scene the Same, Time—Mid-

night"; or perhaps just "Home" or "School" would make it a bit different.

You have a fine start on your letter; and the chances are that your delight over finding just the cutest beginning will inspire you on to write the newsiest letter. You may be carried through the letter, but if your conscience won't let you spoil the end with "Sincerely yours" then chew your pen a moment.

Love may be sent in a hundred different ways. Your girl chum may like from another girl "Your lover—Bess." A few others are: "Love in quantity and quality"; "Love to last till I see you"; "With a big little hug and a little big love."

Possibly, you would like to save your love for the best occasions, for the folks you really and truly love. If you prefer sliding around some different way, you must think hard. Now is the time when "Sincerely," and "Remember me kindly," bob up and threaten your individuality. "My family remembers yours," gives a slightly new twist; so does "Good wishes of every sort and size," or "Yours you know."

Whatever you say, don't let it be, "I must close." Even that can be disguised in "There's an end to everything, except my love."

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**Basketball Season Gets Under Way**

Basketball season was initiated December 2 when Coach Dyck sent out his first call for the men to report to varsity practice. Since then there have been daily workouts under the capable direction of our able Coach, and the team is fast rounding out into a well oiled machine, rarin' to show their stuff in the first game of the regular season, to be played January 14.

There are six varsity letter men from last year's squad in school this winter. Captain Sherkel, our rugged guard of last season, will be a big cog in the wheels this year. He will in all likelihood hold down either a guard or the center position. "Homie" Hosterman is a quick clever forward having that skill that is necessary when it comes to making baskets. He should have a big year ahead of him. "Liver" Bauman is a very capable forward who doesn't stop until the last whistle. They will have all the competition necessary in the form of Dale, Swoyer, Reninger, Boyer and Quigg.

Pomeroy, owing to an injury he received while playing at his home during the Thanksgiving vacation, will be lost to the team until at least the first of February. There will be a keen contest for the guard position thus left vacant, with "Cy" Williams, Bowser, Dave Ulmer and Bohn leading in the race.

Max Bossert, a Lock Haven High letter man, will give much reinforcement to the squad. Max must feel most natural at the pivot position. However, Harris, a Jersey Shore boy, isn't going to give him a minute's rest; and we all know what kind of basketball players Jersey Shore can turn out.

All in all Central State is at the threshold of a season in which she should be able to do big things. With a good coach, a large number of men making lots of competition, and a well balanced schedule we should see some real basketball in the next three months.

**Christmas Literature Will Be Reserved in Library**

Miss McDonald plans to collect all the literature in the library on Christmas stories and place them on reference or in an isolated spot so that they will be convenient for those who wish to secure Christmas stories.

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**14 Games for Net Team**

Captain Ed Sherkel and his quartet of cohorts are ready to sail into the winter basketball season. Fourteen franchises are to occur before the season ends, three of those still being pending.

An early season game will be undertaken with Renovo High here on December 18. The upriver boys eat basketball nine months out of the year, and never have a weak team. It is entirely probable that this preliminary workout will be all Ed and the quartet, or cohort, or what have you, can handle.

The real season breaks after the Christmas holidays. A game will be arranged for January 7, probably with a five from Penn State. On January 14 Mansfield plays here. On the twenty-second the boys go to Williamsport to talk matters over with Dickinson Seminary. To make that game easy Bloomsburg Normal will come up here the night before, January 21, and try our mettle.

A game is pending for January 28. Four February games, two home and two away, have been arranged. Indiana Normal and Dickinson Seminary play here on February 11 and 18, respectively. February 4 will see the maroon and grey at California Normal, and February 25 they will disport over the gym floor at Bloomsburg.

Mansfield Normal is to be met at Mansfield on March 4, California will play here on March 12, and Indiana will offer us entertainment on March 25 on their own floor. March 19 is the third date still unfilled, but an opponent worthy of that distinguished place at the climax of the season will soon be announced.

**Mansfield Cancelled Last Game**

The last game of the 1926 football season was the next-to-the-last game. Mansfield, which was to have wound up our playing schedule with a game there on November 20, was compelled to cancel the game. The torrential rains of the week preceding that date had flooded the Mansfield playing field, making it unfit for anything short of water polo. Both coaches paid little attention to the possibility of playing off the game after Thanksgiving, the prolonging of the season being undesirable.

Coach Dyck was somewhat relieved when the Mansfield message came through. The same rains which flooded Mansfield had washed out three bridges along the new state road between Williamsport and Mansfield, had made the dirt-road detours impassable, and had cut off train service. He had been finding no bus company willing to attempt the trip.

**Football Schedule Partly Complete**

Three games have been definitely signed up for next football season. Coach Dyck has the contracts for the games with Bloomsburg, California, and Indiana Normals. Five more games are partially or tentatively agreed upon. The season will begin one week later than this year, will contain eight games instead of nine, and Coach Dyck expresses a strong hope that a training period can be arranged preliminary to the opening of the fall term.

This summarizes the developments toward the 1927 football season.

Indiana has agreed with us to play their third annual game on Indiana's campus October 15. The second game of the home-and-home series with California will be played here in Lock Haven on October 29, and the first game of a new two-game contract with Bloomsburg Normal will be played at Bloomsburg on the fifth of November.

The date of the Mansfield game is uncertain. Contracts had been signed last season calling for a game at Mansfield on November 18, but there has been a slight mixup in their scheduling for next season. The game will be played at Mansfield, to compensate for the enforced cancellation of the 1926 game, but the exact date is unsettled.

Either Dickinson Seminary or Stroudsburg Normal will be met late in November. The first games of the season are indefinite. Coach Dyck is in correspondence with Freeland Miners and Mechanics, Elizabethtown College, Harrisburg Academy, and several other schools.

Susquehanna University and four others are among the five colleges with whom correspondence is under way. A West Virginia Normal School has also requested a late-season game. As soon as the schedule is completed it will be published in Normal Times.

**Sherkel Is Net Captain**

Ed Sherkel, product of Houtzdale High School, and center on last year's net aggregation here, has been elected captain of the 1926-27 basketball team. Ed is taking his new honors with his usual ready, slow grin, and with a set of the jaw that argues that the boys will have to step along on the floor if they are to keep in the good graces of their helmsman.

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## OUR OWN LITTLE DIARY

**Monday, November 15**

Our vacation was announced today. Thrills! We're going home. I can hardly wait. For eleven weeks I've lived for five days. Let me out!

Changed from teaching in third grade to first. I was rather leery! It's all right though. I like it now.

Plump and Tiny went out to the movies. I was still up when they came back. The Cosmo. was too good to put away. I got the particulars of the show 'n everything. Something else I missed.

This weather is so wonderful I wish it would stay like this until we go home. Just like spring.

**Tuesday, November 16**

A week from today and we can say we're going home tomorrow. It sounds too good to be true. This week will probably drag like the deuce. It always does. Wrote my last letter to-night. That went home. I quit now.

**Wednesday, November 17**

Oh that moon! It's glorious! I wrote a letter and read a book at the window. Rather uncomfortable, so I moved to the door. There's an advantage to sitting in the last door. You can see everybody before they see you.

Started my gym note book. I'll be relieved when that's finished. I'll be playing hockey in my sleep.

**Thursday, November 18**

No mail. If that isn't luck. Looks as though I'm not the only one that quit. It feels good not to owe any letters. That's the only consolation I get out of it though. What else happened today? Nothing, I guess. Exciting?

**Friday, November 19**

Went down to the library to read the paper. Nothing in the Gazette we didn't know, so we just sat. We're talking a little too much to suit someone so we quit. Not by choice.

I received a letter. If I hadn't there was going to be something doing.

Went down town with Kies. My good resolution departed when I passed the barber shop. It's a good thing. If my mother had seen me she'd have thought I was about to join the "House of David."

**Saturday, November 20**

Snowing. I almost had heart failure. Looked high and low for my gym note book and couldn't find it. I had every one at this end of the hall looking for it. I gave it up as among the missing. Went down town and when I came back Helen produced it. After she showed me where she found it I came to the conclusion that my eyes were going back on me.

Danced in the gym. Met an old friend and we talked over everything from A to Z about home.

I was almost asleep and donuts or someone in the next room rapped. I got up and didn't get back to bed for about an hour.

**Sunday, November 21**

This week certainly dragged. I knew it would. Our breakfast was delicious. Never tasted such good coffee.

We came up from the dining hall and discovered someone had taken our 'burg pennant from the door. They'd better return it. First the picture was taken

and then that. People certainly have takin' ways around this place.

**Monday, November 29**

Gee, back in this place again. Just the same as a week ago. Last week we were wishing for Wednesday, now we can start wishing for the 22nd of December. Those five days went faster than any I know of.

Tiny has a "portable." That will help while the hours away. The soft needle works fine early in the morning. We came on the late train. The morning train was two hours late. We'd have missed connections at Emporium if we had taken that, so we all waited for "580."

**Tuesday, November 30**

Work! Darn it! We don't even get a chance to breathe. Started right in as though we never had a vacation. I can't settle myself for some reason or other. Vacation agrees with me all right as long as we're having it, but when it ends—Oh my!

I've written about umpteen lesson plans tonight. We had our usual hop at 9:15. Lasted for 45 minutes, then the lights went out and so did we.

**Wednesday, December 1**

I worked for a while in the Library. Got a little bit done but nothing to talk about. More reference work to do, and it's just piling up while I sit around and look. If we can't dance in the gym we can in our room. It's hard telling which is going to wear out first: the vic, the records, or us.

**Thursday, December 2**

It seems ages ago since we were home, and it's only a week. I think Bely is cheating on us. Yesterday morning we got up at five minutes to seven.

This morning we got up with the bell. Did we step? I don't mean maybe. We made breakfast too. I almost lost a heel in the act. I never did anything so quick in all my life. Donuts missed it altogether. She can't say I didn't call her. I made a trip over to her room to get her out.

**Friday, December 3**

Another week-end. Only two more after this one. The concert in the auditorium was good. When he sang "Mandalay"—I wanted him to sing it again, but he didn't. I suppose if he knew I wanted him to he would have thought twice. I had the whole gang winking at him, but from all appearances it didn't work. He sang some little "ditty."

**Saturday, December 4**

It's awful cold out. I walked down town twice and almost froze. Donuts did her weekly buying. I thought she was going to buy the five and dime out. The list she pulled out almost knocked me loose. I thought I'd be carrying half of it for her but strange to relate when all wrapped it was only a two by four package.

The Y. W. Bazaar seemed to be a big success. Some of the things they sold were cute. The side show was clever. I can't say how the "Fortune Telling" was because I didn't try it.

**Sunday, December 5**

Certainly was cold. Trotted down to church this morning. The church seemed to have moved further away. We came back and our breakfast was "thumbs down." I was all set for at least five rolls and only got one. I was ready to crown someone. Bread is a poor substitute when you're all set for something different.

Wrote letters. I suppose it's time I'm answering some. All the mail I received this week I could put in my eye.

## Alumni Notes

### Blanche Mauger Engaged

The engagement of Blanche E. Mauger, 1925, to John N. Hoffman, of Windber, was announced on Friday, November 26, by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mauger, of Lock Haven. Since her graduation Blanche has been art supervisor in the public schools of Lebanon, Penna. Mr. Hoffman is athletic director at Windber, Penna., and was the coach this year of Windber's unusually successful football team.

Mabel Follette, 1926, is teaching at Sayre, Penna.

Winifred King, 1926, is teaching history and music in the Martz School, Logan Township. Rumor reaches us that she is making a mighty good job of it—but what would you expect?

In the same school Pauline Snyder is educating the beginners in the first grade of all.

Mildred Myers, 1926, is teaching art in all eight grades of the Endress School, Logan Township. Mildred was art editor of the 1926 Praeco, and can take much of the credit for the fact that the art work in that book scored 125 points out of 125 in the University of Wisconsin contest.

Mary Elizabeth Bair, 1925, is supervising art and penmanship in the Logan Township schools, no mean job when the 4,000 students and 90 teachers in those schools are taken into consideration.

The boys must feel slighted these days. Certain private rules prohibit the girls speaking to them.

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