

The Birch Rod

OF THE EDINBORO STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

Volume II

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1913

No. 13

SPECIAL FACULTY NUMBER



Principal Frank E. Baker.

Mr. Baker is doing everything in his power for the uplifting of Edinboro Normal School and community. As the lovely crocuses in his yard add to the beauty, harmony and cheerfulness of the lawn, so Mr. Baker, as an able administrator and thorough instructor adds to the harmony, prosperity and upbuilding of Edinboro.

Mr. Baker is very approachable, and soon wins the confidence of even the most bashful and backward student. As a principal and as a man he is loved, admired and honored by the entire student body, town people and community.

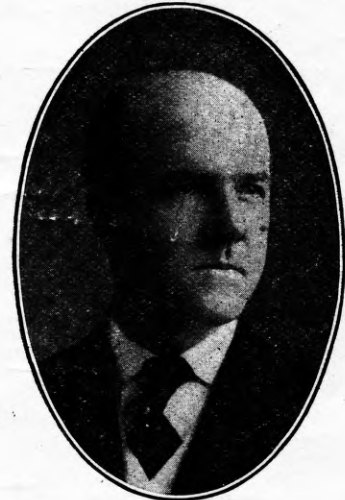
If the students feel discouraged, blue, or are angry over something that didn't go right, they carry their troubles to the principal. And no sooner do they come in touch with his charming personality than they are magnetized with his sweet temper, and invariably they take courage and go on their way peaceably, doing the best they can.

Mr. Baker is interested in all student activities. He thoroughly believes in athletics and would like to see the new athletic field finished next year. Friends, students, and alumni, we can do it if we will.

To our efficient instructor in Physics and Agriculture, who has the unique distinction of being born on April 1, and who says that to-day is the happiest birthday he has had in thirty-five years, this special faculty number of The Birch Rod is respectfully dedicated.

Mr. Wallace J. Snyder.

Words of praise or comment will not give an accurate description of the enthusiasm and interest that Mr. Snyder has aroused in the



subjects under his supervision. We have reasons to believe that this has always been true, for when the alumni come to the Normal they are sure to visit the class in physics first.

Mr. Snyder has been living with the boys in Reeder Hall. No one, not even his most intimate friends, surmised that his thoughts were along matrimonial lines. But as to that we are not prepared to say definitely.

When Mr. Snyder returned to Edinboro yesterday he was accompanied by a young lady whom he introduced as Mrs. Snyder. And the boys who were carrying the trunks asked, blankly, "Who is Mrs. Wallace J. Snyder, Edinboro, Pa.?"

Mr. Snyder, although always of a pleasant disposition, seems unusually happy to-day,

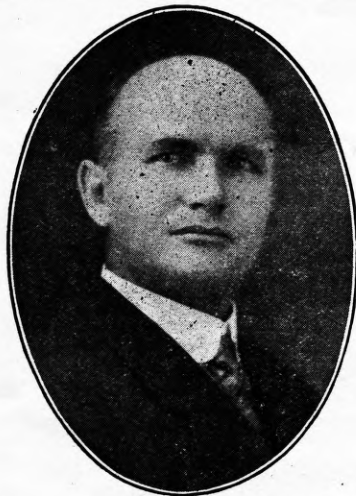
which is most natural. He declares delightfully and enthusiastically that she is his own and no one can have her.

We rejoice in his great happiness and extend the heartiest congratulations.

Mr. George Everet Walk.

"He has, I know not what
Of greatness in his looks, and of high fate
That almost awes me."

The subject of this sketch is the personification of dignity. The Freshmen on entering his classes for the first time are very much chagrined by being asked such questions as: "What was the specific aim of Pestalozzi?"



or, "Which is the best order to follow in teaching history—the logical or psychological order?"

Under Mr. Walk's careful direction the Seniors are introduced to the wonderful art of teaching, and he carefully and tactfully helps them to correct their faults, believing that an ounce of friendly suggestion is worth many tons of destructive criticisms to the amateur teacher.

Mr. Walk is unquestionably the right man in the right place, as is shown by the hearty co-operation of the patrons, teachers and pupils. Q. V.



Mr. Hermon Sackett.

Mr. Hermon Sackett is one of the oldest

THE BIRCH ROD

and most honored members of the faculty. He is known as "Thrice Great Hermes."

First he is preceptor of Reeder Hall.

Second he is a star at Mathematics. His arithmetic examinations are long remembered, and his unit circles in Trigonometry drawn with bright colored crayon appeal even to Seniors.

Third he is great as a scout.

He is sometimes walking not unseen

By hedgerow elms on hillocks green
with telescope in hand. But if an offender is brought before him he is sober, steadfast and demure. N. C.

Mr. Morgan Barnes.

Mr. Barnes is the head of the department in modern and ancient languages.

The bare fact that Mr. Barnes holds an



international reputation in the educational field does not signify what Mr. Barnes means to

Edinboro as a school and as a community. A modern Shakespeare would say, "O, he sits high in all the people's hearts, and that which would appear to us offence, his countenance like richest alchemy can change to virtue." As students we owe much to him. His clever tact in the class room, his attitude toward others which always becomes a true man and the example he sets before the students which can arise only from a cultivated heart is partly responsible for the popular impression that has left its indelible influence upon every student under his instruction to be lived sooner or later.

We refuse to forget how the eager eyes of a thousand spectators watched the romantic incident in Queen Esther, when Haman was condemned to die. Mr. Barnes is always successful even though it is necessary for him to overcome resistance.

Miss Agnes Markel.

Miss Markel is our registrar. She is deserving of many good things that may be said about her. But the senior who was responsible failed to keep his promise.

Miss Edith Flath.

Miss Flath is our stenographer. She is young and handsome, but we don't have her picture.

HENRY J. SEVIN	
<i>Choice Pictures and Picture Frames—Artists' Materials</i>	
15 W. 7th St.	ERIE, PA

Edinboro State Normal School	
STANDS FOR	
<i>A HIGH STANDARD OF SCHOLARSHIP</i>	
<i>THE AMATEUR SPIRIT IN ATHLETICS</i>	
<i>WHOLESOME SOCIAL ASSOCIATIONS</i>	
IT ALSO	
<i>BELIEVES IN AND SUPPORTS</i>	
The Birch Rod	
Address the Principal	Edinboro, Pa.

Fraulein Roberts.

When Fraulein went to Germany last summer we were all afraid of losing her over there among those fascinating military gentlemen, but



she has assured us many times that they are not to be compared to our American men, even though they do wear square-toed, gunboat shoes and eat with their knives.

She certainly is a favorite among all of the students, although she seems to like the boys best, and rooms in Reeder Hall. And we certainly do appreciate not having to gaze at the same old dress all through a term. Why, the old class room brightens up and looks quite cheerful after she has entered.

One of Fraulein's favorite quotations is:

"Ueber allen Gipfeln ist Ruh;
In allen Wipfeln spurest du
Kaum einen Hauch;
Die Vögelin schweigen im Walde;
Warte nur balde
Ruhest du auch."

Miss Kaira Sturgeon, Critic Teacher.

It would be hard to conceive what we seniors would do with the work in the pri-



mary grades without the methods that Miss Sturgeon presents. The primary work is made so fascinating that school directors complain that Edinboro graduates always apply for primary rooms.

Greater Erie's Greater Store---Boston Store

A Comfortable Store

A large, roomy comfortable store in which to do your shopping---that is what we claim for the BOSTON STORE. In considering the comfort and convenience of our customers, we have studied how best we could arrange store facilities to make this the most attractive store in Erie in which to do your trading.

Our out of town customers we have had particularly in mind and we have provided Rest Rooms, Bureau of Information, etc., for their comfort. You may have your wraps and other parcels checked at the Information Bureau, Main Floor, thus leaving you unencumbered when doing your shopping. Then the Dining Room in the Basement you will find most restful and cheerful after a shopping tour. Regular Dinner served daily and lunches at all times. You would not expect better or tastier cooking in your own home than you will find in our dining room.

The merchandise of a store, of course, is the backbone of its success, and we claim larger and better assorted stocks and as low if not lower prices than you will find elsewhere.

To the students of Edinboro Normal and their friends especially we extend an invitation to make the BOSTON STORE your store home.

ERIE DRY GOODS CO.,

State Street, Erie, Pa.

THE BIRCH ROD



A fortnightly newspaper edited by the students of The Edinboro State Normal School, and published at the print shop of the Edinboro Independent.

TERMS---This newspaper will be supplied for the school year, 1912-13, for the sum of fifty cents, or five cents a copy.

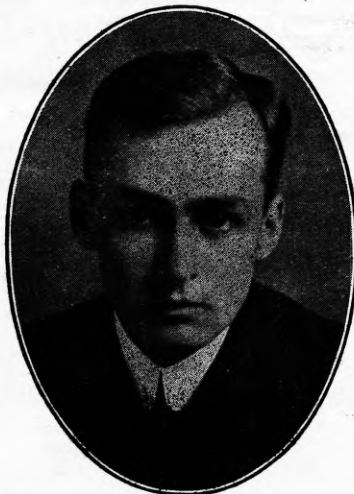
This paper is entered as second-class mail matter at the postoffice at Edinboro, Pa.

EDITORIAL STAFF

EDITORS.....	Charles Marsh; Donald Richey
ATHLETIC EDITOR.....	Hubert Bentley
NEWS EDITOR.....	Alice Walker
ALUMNI EDITOR.....	Helen Whiting
MANAGER.....	William T. McKelvey
ASSISTANT MANAGER.....	John Harbaugh

Mr. Frances L. LaBounty.

Our English teacher is the best loved also the most dreaded member of the faculty. He does not hesitate to say the most cutting, sarcastic or embarrassing words to ones face.



Woe be unto the luckless, guilty culprit who is seen idly whispering in his classroom.

Of course one never knows what is said behind ones back, but one may rest assured that if it comes from Mr. LaBounty one is deserving of the comment; and if occasion rises one is sure to get it.

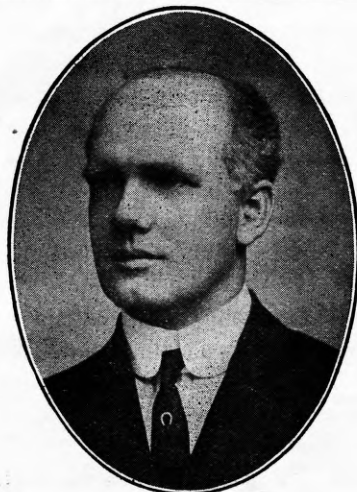
Mr. LaBounty is no respecter of persons. Friends and foes alike fall under his mighty F.

Such is his personality that he is idolized by his friends, feared by his enemies and admired by all.
C. M.

THE BIRCH ROD

Mr. Siddell.

Is this an April Fool paper? If it is, Mr. Siddell's name should not appear. He's too serious, too exact, to be even taken as a joke. He's a man of few words during the daytime. His classroom phrases are reduced to "Not true," "Sure about it?", and "Now". He's so exact that Rumor says he divides his A's, B's,



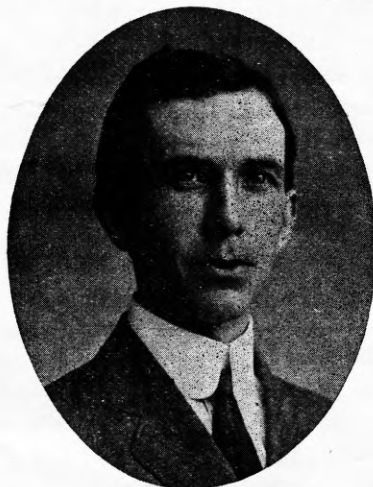
C's, D's and even his F's into groups of equal numbers and distributes them methodically.

At other times, he puts aside all technicalities and discusses any topic from the fashions to the next dance at the Riverside. As far as can be found out, he is interested in everything even in Normal Students.

Like all men, though, when he loses an argument, he immediately changes the subject.

Mr. Stancliff.

"Last but not least" may be a hackneyed phrase but it is going to be printed once more, Mr. Stancliff is proving the words, but he is so quiet in doing it that we can't get acquainted with him. He may be the one who is



undesirous of further acquaintance, after having looked the grounds over, or it may be he is so far away among the stars and planets that he speaks of, that he never thinks of this world's goods.

"Watch Us Grow."

Osborne - Norman Co.

Erie's Fastest Growing Store.

Specialties for Ladies

Coats

Suits Dresses



We cater especially to the Misses

Dress Trade

Osborne - Norman Co.

1024-26-28 State Street

Cor. 11th and State

ERIE, PA.

Tan Shoes

For Young Men

Will be extremely popular this winter and for early spring.

Swell Styles in handsome colors



The New English Style

Is accepted as correct for young men. Call and let us show you this proper shoe when in Erie.

\$4.00 up to \$6.00

TROST & LACEY

Home of Good Goods

828 STATE ST., ERIE, PA.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Powell.

But she was a soft landscape of mild earth,
Where all was harmony, and calm, and quiet,
Luxuriant, budding; cheerful without mirth,
Which if not happiness is more nigh it
Than are all your mighty passions.

Miss Powell, like many more of the illustrious Edinboro people, hails from Venango county. She came to Edinboro in 1901 and immediately found a place in the hearts of the boys and girls of the Normal, especially the boys.

One of the most familiar sights in Edinboro is Miss Powell piloting along to church on Sunday evening a bunch of laughing girls, and it is no wonder that Miss Powell likes the boys better than the girls, because they are perfectly capable of going to church without an escort.

To see Miss Powell at her best is when she is initiating some trembling Freshman into the art of drawing, where objects appear as if by magic on paper that was perfectly blank a few minutes before.

But Miss Powell's work is by no means confined to the drawing room alone. In Y. W. C. A. she always takes a leading hand, and students' prayer meeting on Sunday evening would by no means be complete without her helpful words. W. W.

Miss Bauman.

Miss Bauman became a member of the Faculty at the beginning of the Winter Term and is in charge of our Normal Oratory Department. Although she has been among us only one term, there are not many of us who have not become acquainted with her to some extent, and felt the influence of her ready sympathy and good cheer. We can tell by other ways than her good looks that her own school days are not forgotten for she is always ready to do all in her power to help us enjoy ours,—to chaperon sleigh-rides and skating parties, to lend her chafing-dish at any time, and to help in our literary work. Miss Bauman has found the Normal a busy place and the students conscientiously industrious, especially during study hours.

Punctuality is one of her strong points for we notice that she is always in her place when the chapel bell rings. Miss Bauman makes the Oratory work very interesting to the students who are taking it and with her to superintend our plays they are certain to be successfully given. M. S.

Miss Highland.

Miss Highland is teacher in the Commercial course. Her pleasing personality and thorough work has won the good will of the students.

The above teachers are the best-looking members of the faculty. We do not have their pictures.

Schluraff Floral Co.

Leave all orders for flowers with The Birch Rod. We order them free of charge by telephone.

MASONIC TEMPLE ERIE, PA.

People's Barber Shop

J. H. BENNETT, Prop.

Shaving Hair Cutting
Shampooing

NEWS DEPOT. DAILY and SUNDAY PAPERS

Students always welcome

DANNY SULLIVAN

Ladies' and Gents'

TAILOR

Suits Cleaned and Pressed
50c

NEW SONG

A Grand Success

WINDS of MEMORY

Written from Edinboro Normal School days.

Send 15 cents for a copy.

MRS. D. G. CHURCH

Mesilla Park, New Mexico

Edinboro Hotel

E. J. SWANSON, Prop'r

Meals and Lunches at all Hours.

ICE CREAM :-: OYSTERS

John V. Laver

FLORIST



Greenhouses: E. 6th St.

Store: 704 State St., Erie.

PHONE YOUR ORDERS

THE BIRCH ROD

Mr. George B. Frost.

Mr. George B. Frost, a graduate of Alden Academy, came to Edinboro Normal at the beginning of the school year 1912; and since



that time he has held the position of instructor in the manual training department of this school.

Mr. Frost is one of few men whose personality is worthy of consideration. He is a quiet, unassuming man, who sincerely believes that one's success is to be achieved not by a single bound but rather by steady application to employment. All those who have taken work under his instruction know that it is astonishing the amount of work they are able to accomplish in a short time. One needs but to have glanced into the manual training department of this school two years ago and then again to glance into it at the present time in order to see that something has been done other than to furnish the department with better equipment.

A. D.

Miss Mildred Ham.

Wanted: A man, about twenty-five years of age, six feet tall, with dark hair, brown eyes



and a fair complexion. One who has studied botany and is especially fond of flowers, fruits and vegetables. American preferred.

Mrs. Tanner, Preceptress of Haven Hall.

"How far that little candle throws its beams."
—Shakespeare.

Sh! Up the stairs with stately tread
Came Mrs. Tanner, to "squelch" our spread,
When sundry girls had gathered there,
The pickles and the cake to share.
It filled our hearts with awe and fright,
To hear her say, "No spread to-night."

Haven Hall is the home of the girls and Mrs. Tanner stands for the greatest factor of Home—our mother. Mrs. Tanner never speaks idly; every word she says is truly meant.



If we fail to fully appreciate her now, when Edinboro's happy days are over, of all the memory pictures of Haven Hall, Mrs. Tanner's will be the fairest.

Any widower, not over forty, with three children or less, who is in need of a house-keeper, please notify "The Birch Rod."

Miss Annie Laurie Wilson.

Auld acquaintance should not be forgotten but often brought to min', and among our auld lang syne acquaintances of Edinboro Normal



is our dear Annie Laurie. And 'tho the Blue Bells of Scotland may ca' us twa far frae auld E. S. N. S. I ween we'll tak' monie a fond remembrance wi' us frae the Library o' our lov'd Alma Mater. Always wi' a kindly welcome were we greeted sae that we wad feel at hame and there monie a lesson we studied again and again. If e'er we had some troublesome work to study up, our Annie warst sae willing to help us in anyway she might. What though our classes turned out badly and little freedom was ours, we could enjoy an hour in the Library for a' that an' a' that. And so frae Freshmen to Seniors we all think of our Librarian, Miss Wilson, as our bonnie Annie Laurie.

E. S.

Our Guarantee

that "Iron Clads" will completely satisfy you, costs you nothing. We do not charge 50 cents for a 25 cent garment nor 25c for one worth only 15 cents. We give you full value in the goods themselves and if you are not satisfied, you simply bring them back and exchange, or get your money.

Iron Clad Socks

will completely satisfy you, not simply because they are strong or comfortable or beautiful but because they are all three, and each quality is found just where it should be for the greatest effectiveness. To prove this try a few pairs.



Not a Trademark



H. G. GILLASPIE

Home of Good Footwear

EDINBORO, PA.

THE BIRCH ROD

Mr. Fred. S. Gleason.

No other member of the faculty deserves more esteem than our most energetic music teacher. He has shown by his very efficient work that the music department is by no means inferior to any other department in



school. "The Minstrel Show" and "Queen Esther" remain indelible in our minds.

Mr. Gleason is also a great leader in athletic events. The water fight, the tug of war, and the races last spring aroused a healthy, desirable, school spirit.

We hope for more events and meets this spring.

Miss Olivia J. Thomas.

No one could have taken the part of Esther



the Beautiful Queen so well as Miss Thomas. She enjoys music and is a perfect nightingale.

Miss Ethel Sullivan.

Miss Sullivan came to Edinboro as a teacher last spring term. She was well liked by students and teachers. We are glad that she has returned for another term. We have many nice things to say about her, but we cannot do it now. Her work speaks for itself.

Miss Jane Swenarton.

They tell us that only small minds bother about consistency, and we believe that the saying was originated specially to suit Miss Swenarton. She is wise, oh, ever so wise; we hear her ecstatically exuberating about

"Hark, hark, the lark from heav'n's gate sings
When Phoebus 'gins to rise."

and

"Day's at the morn,
Morning's at seven."

but she always comes in late to breakfast, looking like a somnambulist.

And what can one think of a literature



teacher who is found alternately pouring over "L'Allegro," "The Walrus and the Carpenter," "Lady MacBeth," and "Max and Maurice?" I fail to see.

It might be added that she despises cats and cannot endure to have anyone sneeze in her presence.

These, I think, are the most important facts about Miss Swenarton, except that she is most beloved among us, and we wouldn't part with her for five English teachers weighing two hundred and fifty pounds each.

Mr. Armour.

Mr. Armour is one of the big men of our faculty, both physically and mentally. He is with us for the spring term. Welcome.

Harry Thompson

9 E. 9th ST., ERIE, PA.

See our line of Fire Arms,
Fishing Tackle, Cutlery,
Athletic Goods, Mechanical
and Electrical Toys, &c

Trask Prescott & Richardson Co.

9th and State Streets
ERIE, PA.

DISTRIBUTORS OF
HIGH GRADE MERCHANDISE
AT POPULAR PRICES

A Department Store where confidence in the goodness of the merchandise sold enables us to say, "Your money back on any unsatisfactory purchase." We attribute our success to the giving of the best values at prices at all times lowest on dependable goods. An ever increasing business is ample proof that this assertion is so.

New merchandise on display.

Trask Prescott & Richardson Co.

9th and State Streets
ERIE, PA.

THE BIRCH ROD

Mr. Richard B. Hayes.

His motto is, "Fair play and an equal chance for every one." Loyal to all and true to his own convictions; a man who never goes back on his word; we honor him for that.

With only seven or eight men that had ever played in a football game and some that had never seen a football, prospects that would discourage most any coach, Mr. Hayes went to work with this material and before the end of the of the season had built up a football team that the school was proud of.

Our alumni and visitors say that never before has there been the spirit and loyalty



shown by the students for the school and the athletic teams. They ask who is responsible for this spirit and loyalty, this feeling of good fellowship among the students. The answer is always, "Our coach, Mr. Hayes."

The members of the senior class wish to thank Mr. Hayes for the good work he has done for our school and all sincerely wish him a bright and prosperous future and in later years when we visit our school we hope to see Mr. Hayes coach of the athletic teams.

W. F. D.

This special faculty number of "The Birch Rod" has fallen far short of reasonable expectation. We hoped that it would portray something of Edinboro life, but the ready wit and humor, the dignity and seriousness of our teachers has not been expressed by our pen; no pen can express it as we see it in daily life. We know much could be said in praise of the work done by these efficient instructors, but their work speaks better praise than we could. Our attempts at humor were meant in all good spirits and we sincerely hope will be taken the same.

*A Dashing Array of
New
Spring
Headgear
Is Now on Display*



The "Derby" Hats

Bear inspection and you are Cordially invited. The Swellest New Things in Hats for Spring. A \$2 Hat with a \$3 look.

A beautiful selection of Fancy Bands and Class Colors at 25c.

The Derby Hat Co.

*908 State Street
ERIE, PA.*

Holmquist Photo Co.

*EXPERT DEVELOPING
AND FINISHING*

*Columbia Grapho-
phones and Records*

*622 State Street, Opp. Postoffice
ERIE, PENNA*

*It's a store that was founded
in 1852 on such principles
that have built for Erie
a great store.*



THESE PRINCIPLES ARE:

*Recommending nothing which is
not a true value; if found other-
wise, a return of goods and re-
fund of money.*

*Always on the lookout for the new
things, and when such things
are created in the fashion cen-
ters of the world that co-operate
with good style and good judg-
ment, they're brought forth and
recommended to you, and noth-
ing that represents an exhorbit-
ant profit.*

*A force of intelligent sales people
striving to be of service to you.*

*A store where visitors are welcome
the same as customers to stroll
about and feel at the same ease
as they would in their own
homes.*

WARNER BROS.,

ERIE, PENN'A