

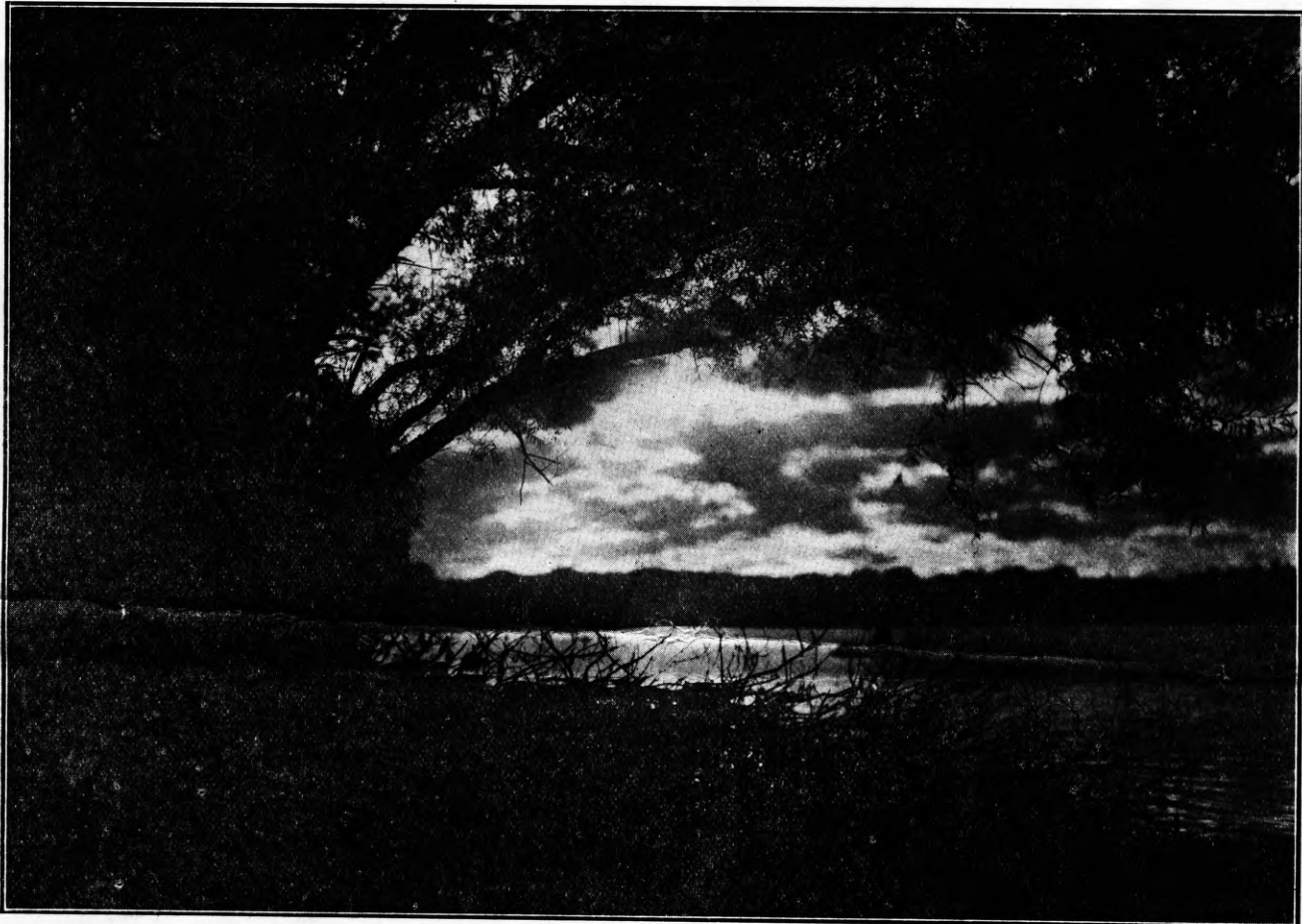
The Birch Rod

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LAKE EDINBORO.

Setting out from Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, to venture by trolley to Erie, the chance traveler frequently remarks upon the fertile farming valley through which the inter-urban cars carry him. He may note the signs of thrift and prosperity. He looks upon the homes of real farmers—those who till the soil for a livelihood, not as an avocation. Six miles on the journey he is carried through a quiet, rural borough. He observes that it seems to be the trading center of the country people. It is Edinboro. On the western border of this village his car swings unexpectedly into sight of a pleasant stretch of water. His eye sweeps the shores for the inevitable "developments" or summer parks and cottages. Is it possible! In Erie county, Pennsylvania, there lies a lake undeveloped from a commercial standpoint, such a one, in this respect, as he has travelled far to reach, on long pilgrimages, to northern Minnesota or Canada, and

even there each year he finds the retreat of the year before has become the resort of the crowd.

And so it comes about he manages to turn back upon his travels, and, having a spare half day he stops to examine at close range this lake, The Conneauttee, or as the commercial spirit would have it, Lake Edinboro. He visits Captain Vunk, who equips with all the means of losing his life—a steel boat without air chambers. With a rasp of unoiled oar locks he makes his way up the deep-shaded outlet. He finds it all that it seemed. On all sides fertile farm fields stretch down to the reedy border of the water. If the season is early spring he is entranced by the greens, such greens as he has only seen every other spring almost anywhere in the world, but this is a new spring and a new experience, all very wonderful. Surely, he thinks, at the head of the lake there will be the pestilence of a sum-

mer settlement. Not so. The marshy headwaters, the deeply wooded inlet, are really a part of wild nature, the habitat of multitudes of red wings, blue jays, water fowls, and even the far-traveling eagle is there, watching his undisturbed fishing ground.

On his return he falls in with the old settler who laments the very qualities that he has found so alluring:

"One of these days," he is told, "this town may get a move on, and then we'll have a park here and a summer hotel, and a roller coaster, and then there'll be a chance for a fellow to make some money. I hardly expect to live to see it. Seems to grow worse here every year."

Thus the little lake above must appeal to many a stranger. May she long stay the same, as long as they sing:

"Has she not been
Since we can't remember when,
On the banks of the Conneauttee."

THE BIRCH ROD

EDITORIAL STAFF FOR NEXT YEAR IS ELECTED

Will Take Full Charge of "The Birch Rod" May 28, 1913.

Owing to the fact that the staff this year were greatly handicapped by having had no experience working with the previous board. They thought a better plan was to elect the board early for next year and allow them to work with the old board. Accordingly an electoral committee consisting of five students and three teachers met on May 7, and elected the following staff: Editor in chief, Erma Gebhardt; associate editor, Arnold Nelson; news editor, Lucy Lamb; alumni editor, Ethel Howland; exchange editor, Fay Daley; athletic editor, Carlyn Blakeslee; manager, John Harbaugh; assistant manager, Jerome Rusterholtz.

The present staff offers congratulations to the electoral committee on their choice, and to the new staff on the honor and trust that has been conferred upon them.

We sincerely hope that the new staff will find their task delightful and profitable. We willingly offer any assistance that we may be able to give. We are confident that "The Birch Rod" will be successful next year.

Mr. Morgan Barnes Gives Address in Methodist Church on "The Boy Problem."

On Sunday evening, May 11, Mr. Barnes addressed an attentive audience on one of the greatest problems that confronts the American people today,—"The Boy Problem."

Mr. Barnes, in addition to a tactful outline of the problem, gave some very suggestive and practical methods of solution. One of these is the value of well equipped play grounds. It is hoped that the people of Edinboro will act on these very applicable suggestions.

Dictionary of Errors.

Mr. LaBounty, of the English department, has offered a liberal reward for the best dictionary of faulty expressions that is recorded by a Senior. The faulty expression and the offenders name must be followed by a correct expression of the same thought and the grammatical rule violated.

The idea is to cause one to be more careful of the speech one uses, and to cultivate the observation regarding the wholesale slaughter of our English; even by lecturers. Also it is a good method of recalling and reviewing the technicality of grammar.

John Krasinski, '13, who was confined to his room for several days by severe illness, is now at home; and we hope will be back to school in a few days.

Y. W. C. A. Royally Entertains the Y. M. C. A. in Potter Hall, Monday Evening, May 12.

The pleasing manner in which the Young Women's Christian Association received the Young Men's Christian Association, of Edinboro, was indeed a credit to the entertaining ability of the young ladies.

The plan of the evening showed remarkable taste and care. The halls of the literary societies, which were chosen for the occasion, were attractive and convenient places for entertainment. Each room was arranged and decorated appropriately for its designed use. The Philo Hall was used for entertainment and was decorated with fragrant spring blossoms and shrubs.

The seats were arranged in a crescent facing the stage. Here, the guests assembled. "Seeing Uncle Jack," a clever farce-comedy in two acts was produced by the following caste of characters.

- Mabel, given to writing and reading poetry, very affected in voice and manner Esther Averill
- Julia, fond of imitating Mabel Nina Swift
- Kate, very practical Isabel Homan
- Helen, interested in natural history Florence White
- Nancy, a country girl Edna Seavy
- Anna, the tennis girl Cynthia Frame
- Mrs. Miller, young widow chaperoning the party Edna Sammons

Every character in the production was well portrayed. As a whole, it was clean-cut all the way through, well acted and carried to the end with much credit and realism. We must admit that girls can do things and do them right.

After the pleasant hour spent in Philo Hall

the young ladies had much in store for us. The guests were directed into Potter Hall. The room was artistically decorated with chinese lanterns and dainty bouquets of spring flowers, and the arrangement of the seats added much more to the attractiveness. Nearly in the center of the room, the chairs were formed in a circle to be occupied by the faculty. The seats for the guests were so cleverly arranged that we could attribute the convenience only to a skillful geometrician or to the intuition of a girl.

Dainty refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served, after which a short time was spent in social activities and singing familiar songs, led by Mr. Barnes. Finally when he started, "Stand once more in your places, loyal comrades true," we knew what it meant. The delightful event had ended.

To express our gratitude to the Young Women's Christian Association we can only tender a suggestion to new girl students. If you want to be sure of an evening of perfect sociability and congeniality attend the regular Y. W. C. A. meeting held on Thursday evening of every week.

Literary Societies Adopt a New Stunt.

The Societies have decided to exchange critics for a few weeks, hoping that each society may be benefitted by the aid of the other societies critic. The first trial was on May 10, the results were highly satisfactory, and no doubt of it, the members will show greater interest in society work.

Hawkins-Blanden entertainment, May 17.

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THE AMATEUR SPIRIT IN ATHLETICS

WHOLESOME SOCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

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BELIEVES IN AND SUPPORTS

The Birch Rod

Address the Principal

Edinboro, Pa.

Luncheon in the Heinz Pickle Factory.

Do you remember Martha Hawkins, in the "Hoosier Schoolmaster?" How fond she was of telling about the one adventure of her life, which always began with, "When I was in Bosting," Well' I have the same failing only it wasn't Boston I visited.

"When I was in Pittsburgh" I had luncheon in the Heinz Pickle Factory one day. We were met on the first floor of the main office building by a beautiful young mulatto girl, who, when we asked her if we might be shown through the factory, pleasantly replied that it was just luncheon time, but if we would wait until 12:45 she would be glad to see that our request was granted.

Our train left at 1:30 and we were some distance from the station so we had to forego this pleasure and content ourselves with accepting the invitation to go up to the observation room and have luncheon. This was a large square room on the sixth floor of the building. The tables, which were about three feet in diameter, had places for four people. We seated ourselves at one of these tables and awaited further developments.

The napkins were about six inches square, the plates about two inches across, and the knives, forks and spoons were correspondingly tiny. Everything reminded me of the days when dolls and doll accoutrements were the chief interest of my life.

We had not waited long before a waitress (natural size) came in and began to serve us. As the menu indicated, everything that was served had been manufactured in the Heinz factories. Serving this free luncheon is one of their methods of advertisement. I think it is a very unique idea.

The first course consisted of a euchred pickle which in its original size would have been about two inches long. The next course was tomato soup served in cups about four times as large as a good sized thimble. It isn't usually considered proper to drink soup but what else could we do? After this we had baked beans and peanut butter sandwiches. They were delicious, making up in quality what they lacked in quantity. Spaghetti, horse radish, prepared mustard, fruit preserves, apple butter and fruit jelly came in the next course. The quantity of each ranging from a toy thimbleful to a teaspoonful. The desert was plum pudding with hard sauce and there was almost a tablespoonful of it.

When the last morsel of dessert had disappeared we heard a voice from the doorway, "Just step this way, please, when you have finished," and we made our way to the elevator, much pleased with our luncheon in the Heinz Pickle Factory—when we were in Pittsburgh.

F. M.

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

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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.

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 ALUMNI EDITOR.....Helen Whiting
 MANAGER.....William T. McKelvey
 ASSISTANT MANAGER.....John Harbaugh

The criticisms on "The Birch Rod," favorable and otherwise are the product of the Senior's paragraph writing class.

The Editor, owing to the fact that the athletic editor is the only member on the staff who has written a line for the paper for the last two editions, is forced to print them to get material for the paper.

The new staff will find that getting the material on time will be the hardest row to hoe. The same difficulty is found in every school paper and tasks the ingenuity of the editor in chief. I suggest that co-operation with the composition class may be helpful.

If each class and society would feel the responsibility of handing in their news items, there would be no lack of material.

Each of the four classes, two societies, bowlock association, and athletic association has a secretary but "The Birch Rod" has not received a line from them this term.

The Bowlock recently gave a program and social hour but the secretary gave no account of it to the school paper.

The trouble seems to lie in the fact that no one is responsible for certain material, and consequently the news is not written. The secretary of each organization should be responsible for reporting all news items connected with that organization. And if no one can be found who will do that and do it well, the organization does not deserve recognition in the school paper. Even if it is the Senior class, when the secretary fails to write; a new one should be elected at once.

Criticism of "The Birch Rod."

If the progress of "The Birch Rod" during the last few months is to be compared to the progress of a rabbit over a long stretch of level land, after being driven from the shelter of a brush heap, then we can only conclude that it was a very tame, crippled and unhappy rabbit, extend deepest sympathy for its saddened life, and trust the end will be speedy and painless. As well as that maimed and shivering creature represents the whole race of strong, fleet footed rabbits, so well does "The Birch Rod" represent what we as a student body are capable of doing. It is a glorious paper. Think of the stupendous amount of energy the staff and the school spend in fixing the credit for its success on each others shoulders. Turn slowly its leaves and mark closely the great number and variety of its advertisements, and consider what a blessing it is to know just where to go to find iron clad hose and cheap ready made dresses. Picture the flash of intelligence on the face of the alumni as they note the length and breadth of some of the words inserted at intervals in our school paper. See with what eagerness they seek it out in a much worn dictionary. Then finding no possible connection between its meaning and the one the author seems to wish to convey they are deeply impressed. It is so significant of the fact that we are improving. It is impossible for a mind of the common calibre to understand the rich humor and ready wit that brighten all its pages, but "Birch Rod" readers are being taught to appreciate good literature, and when we read in the last column of the last page of the last number the surprising assertion that it has fallen far short of reasonable expectations, we feel it is a mistake, and a sentence to be cut out and saved as a future reminder of the modesty of a much abused paper.

L. A.

"The Birch Rod."

"The Birch Rod" professes to be a school paper, but is it? Anyone who reads it can see that it is the result of the work of two or three people instead of two or three hundred people. We know that any paper must have advertisements in order to exist, but why not have them arranged more compactly instead of being scattered on every page? Why does not the editor appoint, or have appointed, five or more members from each class to act as reporters for him? As it is there is little of real interest in the paper for either the students or the alumni. Surely there are enough people in the school who are capable of furnishing good material for a school paper. "The Birch Rod" shows altogether too much of the same persons work, and this should not be so.

C. M.

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Criticism on "The Birch Rod."

Of all the spasmodic, intermittent publications put into printer's ink, "The Birch Rod" stands first and foremost as a bright and shining example of a complete fizzle. To "The Birch Rod" punctuality is a thing unknown. No one would attempt to predict when a copy, with its columns of editorial hash, will descend upon them. Since the paper exists, we are reasonable in supposing that it has a mission, but it would be unfair to the students and faculty to claim it as a school paper. Might it not more properly be called a factor designed to bring back to mind events that have happened so long ago that they have slipped into the field of sub-consciousness? For when something has occurred which we have long since forgotten, then cometh "The Birch Rod" with a one-sided account of the incident, that we at first do not recognize, but by consulting our calendars and diaries it comes back to us, and we gradually come to understand what the article is about.

Haven Hall, one of the most important buildings on the campus, is not represented in the columns of this publication; the outside students receive no recognition; the alumni only now and then a chance word; and the faculty, having been neglected throughout the year, was appeased by a special number in which the contributors, being afraid of their final marks, strained their imaginations to such an extent that had not the names and photos accompanied the articles, we would scarcely have recognized our own instructors.

E. W.

Faults of "The Birch Rod."

Of course "The Birch Rod" is only in its infancy and we should not expect as much of it as though it were of more mature age. Nevertheless there are many ways in which this paper might be improved. One thing we never receive it until two or three days after it should be issued. Then, when we do get it we search diligently for some very interesting article which has been contributed and fail to find it.

The news of "The Birch Rod" is always so old that it is of no interest. It is well enough that about half the paper is taken up with advertisements for no one needs to read these more than once a term as they are always the same and we have no time for reading no matter how interesting "The Birch Rod" might be.

We cannot blame the defects of "The Birch Rod" on the Editors for this is a school paper and its prosperity depends upon the students.

G. D.

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THE BIRCH ROD

Edinboro Again Defeated.

Edinboro received the second beating of the season on the Normal field from Allegheny college. Errors were numerous, Edinboro totaling fourteen and Allegheny six. Hitting was heavy, each team securing eight safe ones. Of Allegheny's eight two were two base hits, two three base hits and one a home run. Edinboro had three two baggers and five singles to her credit. The game was interesting and much closer than the score shows, except for two of Allegheny's innings, in one of which eight runs were scored and in the other, four.

First Inning.

Thoburn started for Allegheny by a clean base hit. Thoburn and Crossman scored for Allegheny in the first inning.

Fuller opened for Edinboro and drew a walk, Shriver scored the one run that Edinboro obtained in this inning on an error.

Second Inning.

In the second inning Allegheny was unable to score and but one man, Rose, was able to reach first. Edinboro did not reach first at all, two men being caught out and one stopped at first on a roller.

Third Inning.

In the third inning Robinson came to bat with Thoburn on second and one man down, and knocked out a home run. Allegheny did not score again this inning. Fuller, for Edinboro, walked, stole second, and scored on a two bagger by Shriver.

Fourth Inning.

With one down Thoburn singled and stole second. He scored on a hit by Crossman. With Hawk and Campman on third and second, Gilbert singled, scoring the base runners. For Edinboro, Blakeslee drew a walk. DeRemer hit and advanced Blakeslee. Blakeslee was caught in an attempt at stealing third. DeRemer scored on an error.

Fifth Inning.

Rose scored on Rickard's hit. For Edinboro, Obert got a single and advanced on Fuller's roller. Drake and Shriver were caught out.

Sixth Inning.

Hawk scored when Richard was hit by Edinboro's pitcher. Rose scored Campman, Rickard scored Richards and Thoburn scored Rickard. Robinson scored Crossman Robinson scored on a passed ball. Campman struck out, retiring Allegheny.

White singled and stole. Blakeslee was caught out and DeRemer scored White. Babcock struck out and Welker hit, scoring DeRemer. Welker was caught between first

and second. With one out in Allegheny's half of this inning, Patterson was substituted for Shriver.

Seventh Inning.

In the first of the seventh Gilbert hit. Then after Richards was out at first Rose hit and scored Gilbert. Rose stole second and Rickard struck out. Thoburn flied out. Fuller, for Edinboro, flied out. Drake hit, Obert was out at third. Patterson went to first and White was caught out.

Eighth Inning.

Crossman and Robinson went out at first. Hawk hit to shortstop, but got first. Campman struck out. Blakeslee, for Edinboro, struck out. DeRemer made first. Babcock got a two bagger. Welker walked and Obert went out on a roller with the bases full.

Ninth Inning.

Gilbert was caught out, Richards drew a walk, and stole second. Rose was caught out. Richards walked. Thoburn got first. Richard scored and Rickards took second. A double steal was attempted and Thoburn was out at second. For Edinboro, Treigchel struck out, Drake hit and stole second, Shriver got first and Drake reached third, Shriver was out at second, White was caught out.

The line up.

Allegheny, 17.	Edinboro, 5.
Thoburn, c.	Fuller, Treijchel, l. f.
Crossman, 3 b.	Drake, 2 b.
Robinson, s. s.	Shriver, Patterson, p.
Hawk, r. f.	White, c. f.
Campman, l b.	Blakeslee, 3 b.
Gilbert, l. f.	DeRemer, r. f.
Richard, c. f.	Jewell, Babcock, s. s.
Rose, 2 b.	Welker, l b.
Rickard, p.	Obert, c.

Strike outs, Shriver 3, Patterson 4, Rickard 5. Home run, Robinson. Three base hits, Thoburn, Gilbert. Two base hits, White, Shriver, Babcock, Robinson, Hawk.

Time of game, 2 hours, 12 minutes.

Umpire, Karl Morrison.

In Praise of "The Birch Rod."

What's the matter with "The Birch Rod"? "It's all right! Who will say that "The Birch Rod" is not THE paper among the thirteen Normal school papers? "The Birch Rod" echoes the school spirit and loyal fellowship of the students. The editors all do their part and more; all they need is the loyal support of the whole student body. Athletics, the literary societies, and the christian associations all have their places in the columns of the paper. What would the school be without "The Birch Rod"? All the school spirit would vanish, and we certainly would miss that pleasant hour spent with "the last Birch Rod." M. H.

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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



EDWARD AMHERST OTT.

"The Haunted House" by Dr. Edward Amherst Ott, on May 3, was better appreciated than any other lecture on the course this year.

Through the efforts of the Conneauttee Brotherhood Mr. Ott talked in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, May 4, on the topic of "Improvement of Small Villages."

These lectures were undisputably the best of the season and reveal Mr. Ott as a deep thinker and a master of his art.

Sports.

Owing to the good weather the students are very much interested in outdoor sports. Some of the athletics are regularly employed on the ball field in the afternoon after school.

The chief interests of the boys is baseball, and some spirited contests are looked for between our team and visiting teams. The girls seem to have the spirit of athletics as well as the boys, for they may be seen on the campus at noon and after supper, playing ball. The fishing season is appreciated by the students, especially by those who room in the town. It is a common sight to see a company of seven or eight with their fishing poles and bait slowly going towards the creek or coming away from it with a string of fish.

H. S.

1913 Vita.

The year book is progressing. Every evening a class or society meets in front of Normal Hall for the use of Mr. Kupper.

The editor and manager are showing much originality in the composition of this book and we look forward anxiously for its appearance.

For the benefit of our disappointed readers we will say that a joke department has never been established in "The Birch Rod."

Hattie Morrison, '12, of Seneca, spent a few days at Haven Hall, the guest of her sister, Eleanor Morrison.

Edinboro Reserves Defeated by Waterford High School.

On Monday, May 5, the second team went on a cross country trip to Waterford, where they expected to duplicate the football victory. But the Waterford nine proved their superiority in a nine inning game. Although the game was close the final score stood 14-11.

Edinboro complained that their pitchers were handicapped with no "mound" as they have been accustomed to on their own diamond. Edinboro line up was: Trejchel, p; Gorman, c; Scott, 1 b; Babcock, 2 b; Roberts, 3 b; Hood, s. s.; Whitman, r. f.; Green, c. f.; Joslin, l. f.; Many changes were made during the game.

The Waterford players were Agnew, Mitchell, Lee, Whittlesey, McKay, Chase, Kirk, Mahan, Burroughs.

Society Flower Beds.

In years past each of the literary societies had charge of a flower bed that it claimed as its own. These beds were artistically arranged with flowers of various hues and were very attractive features of the campus.

The remains of these beds may still be seen in the form of a bare spot on the campus. It seems that there is a great lack of pride, or something is lacking, when the societies are flourishing and these unsightly places are left unadorned on our otherwise beautiful campus.

Where is all our society spirit? Is there not life enough left to keep on doing what has been handed down as a tradition: It is time that the societies either fix up these beds or sow lawn seed on them.

Old Glory.

Is it not appropriate to have the stars and stripes floating over a school building? Where is our flag and why is it not up? Every day I look up at the flag pole and feel a sense of keen disappointment when I do not see the beloved flag.

I think every country school in the land should have a flag, and have it up! What good is it stored safely away? How can we expect our seniors to thrill the pupils with patriotic devotion to our flag when we allow them to remain in school all year and never put the flag up except on Decoration Day? It is a grand sight to see the flag of a free country floating over a free institution of learning. Let's put the flag up at once.

Mr. Thomas Visits Edinboro.

State Secretary Thomas, of the Students' Young Men's Christian Association, visited Edinboro Sunday and spoke at the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon, and at students' prayer meeting in the evening.

School Pride.

It is indeed a shame to behold our beautiful campus so terribly cut up with unsightly paths. It is not a matter of not having time, that causes the thoughtless students to march in a file across corners of the campus. It is proper to walk on the campus, but when a path begins to appear, stop it.

We ought to have pride and school spirit enough not to allow that sort of thing to go on. It is unfortunate for any school to get in a state of carelessness and lack social pride. The work is soon infected with the same spirit. And we fail to get fifty per cent of the training we should get.

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Mr. Gleason's Ten-Piece Orchestra.

The Normal is very fortunate in having such an enthusiastic leader as Mr. Gleason, for it's orchestra. Since its organization in the fall term, the orchestra has grown in numbers and increased in its ability to give polished selections until it has become very popular, not only among the Normalites but also throughout our district.

One of the first ventures away from home was to the Idle Hour Theatre at Cambridge Springs, April 28, when Mrs. Blanden gave the popular play, "Madame Don't Care." That was the beginning of a successful and popular career for the orchestra.

On May 2, they were invited to go to Blooming Valley to play for the Commencement exercises.

On May 9, Elmer Frantz '12, gave them the honor of furnishing the music for his Commencement at Wellsburg High School.

On all these trips, they have had all expenses defrayed and have never failed to receive a liberal remuneration for their time. They have more calls than they can fill and will be busy until High School Commencements are over.

The orchestra consists of: Mr. Gleason, director; Madeline Scott, piano; Leo Armagost, first violin; Harry Hummer, second violin; Ramirez and Gil, flute; Carlyn Blakeslee, Archie Drake and Neff Cass, cornet; Jerome Rusterholtz, trombone; Harold Hood, drums.

We are very proud of our orchestra and its leader. Fortunate indeed is the High School that secures their consent to play for their Commencement.

A Bum Serenade.

The customary midnight parade was attempted on May 7, by a few would be enthusiasts and turned out a fizzle from start to finish.

The bunch, with no preparation whatever for lights or music, rushed from their rooms at 10:30 with a mighty shout, and proceeded to go through the usual maneuvers to the tune of a tin horn and the repeated discharge of a double-barrel shot gun; they soon were accompanied by the ringing of the bell.

The bunch soon became disgusted with the monotony of their own unoriginal procedure, and bolted for the restaurant where they could restore nourishment to their fatigued mind and weary bodies.

We hope that the "rattle-heads" who led this bunch and spoiled the parade for this term, feel better and thoroughly enjoy the disgust that the girls have shown, for we are sure that no one else does.

Mr. Baker, through the courtesy of the advertising manager of Colgate and Company, distributed on May 2, to the members of the school very attractive and useful packages of soaps and toilet preparations. The boxes were artistically decorated with red and white ribbon, the colors of Edinboro. The students extend a vote of thanks to both Mr. Baker, and his personal friend, the advertising manager of Colgate and Company.

Marriage—The aspiration of two vowels to become a diphthong. Phil.



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