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# The Birch Rod

OF THE EDINBORO STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

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## "ESTHER, THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN" TO BE STAGED IN NORMAL HALL

*Dramatic Presentation With Elaborate Costuming and Setting of a Sacred Play Based on the Book of Esther, Under the Direction of the Music Department, March 17*

The cantata, "Esther, the Beautiful Queen," with over fifty people in the cast, under the direction of Mr. Gleason and Miss Thomas, who also take the part of leading characters in the play, will be staged in Normal Hall, Monday evening, March 17.

This wonderful musical production is a sacred

he obtained a decree for destroying all the Jews in the provinces. Mordecai discovered the plot and charged the queen to petition for the safety of her people, which she did at the peril of her life, on account of the law that no one should go unto the king unbidden. The king heard her petition, and Haman was defeated. Haman had prepared a gallows for Mordecai. An attendant informed the king of the fact. The king ordered Haman to be hanged from it, and proclaimed Mordecai premier instead. The people rejoiced.

### Cast of Characters.

Esther, the Queen	Miss Olivia Thomas
Ahasnerus, the King	Charles Jones
Haman	Morgan Barnes
Mordecai	Fred S. Gleason
Zeresh, Haman's wife	Mrs. Chalmer Swift
Mordecai's Sister	Mrs. Frank Bonner
Prophetess	Nina Swift
Median Princess	Esther Averill
Persian Princess	Ethel Howland
Scribe	John Krasinski
Beggar	Arthur Johnson
Hegai	A. H. Kellogg
High Priest	
Herald	Leo Armagost
Harbonah	Neff Cass

Maids of Honor to Queen	Doris Amidon Helena Jackson Marian Maffitt Mabel Sammons	
Guards		John Scott
Cup Bearers		Mar'ey Leach
		Hugh Smith Carlyle Harvey



FRED S. GLEASON  
Director of Music

play based on the book of Esther. The costumes are elaborate and becoming. Full dress rehearsals will be given Friday and Saturday. This mighty popular cantata always makes a hit. We suggest that you buy your ticket this week. All seats reserved. Tickets on sale at Kellogg's, thirty-five cents.

### Synopsis of Play.

Esther was born in Persia 500 years before Christ. Being an orphan from infancy, she was adopted by her uncle, Mordecai, who recognizing her great natural beauty, trained her in the accomplishments of highest womanhood. She was chosen by the king of the realm to be his wife and queen. She did not disclose her nationality. Haman was premier favorite of the king. Haman hated Mordecai because he would not worship him as the king had commanded. He did not know Mordecai's relation to the queen. To be revenged



OLIVIA J. THOMAS  
Assistant Director of Music

## FOOTBALL LIST FOR 1913 IS NEARLY FULL

### No Contracts are Filled Out Yet.

The football schedule for next fall promises to be very satisfactory. Manager Vincent Hayes says that he receives and writes many letters each week. He hopes to have all contracts closed by the end of this school year.

Manager Hayes is negotiating with the following schools and dates are being agreed upon: Erie High, Thiel, Meadville High, Cambridge High, Franklin High, Conneaut High, La Fayette High, and Clarion Normal.

We are delighted to see our old rivals, Thiel and Meadville on the list. Our team this year went down to defeat at the mercy of the fast Thiel eleven. Manager Hayes is arranging with them to play the Thanksgiving game at Edinboro. The Red and White will make up in speed what it loses in weight, and they hope to turn tables with Thiel next year. Meadville always puts out a speedy team, but we hope to make a good showing with them. We have never met Clarion Normal in football, but judging from the record they made last year the teams will be evenly matched.

### REFLECTION OF THE MIRROR.

Poor Sophs! how vain are your remarks;  
You even spread your childish prattle  
In printer's ink, and every verse  
Too plainly speaks, you have a rattle  
As infants do, before they're taught  
The folly of such tommyrot.

The Freshman class we could forgive,  
(Experience they have not had)  
But you by this time should have learned  
That such conceit is naught but mad.  
Such egotism blinds your view  
And shuts a world of good from you.

The Seniors smile, they learned all this  
Before the days of Edinboro.  
The Juniors only pity you  
For reaping on yourself such sorrow;  
Some day you, too, will realize  
That no one is so very wise.

A Senior.

Mr. Barnes addressed a convention of Crawford County teachers at Meadville, Saturday, March 8.

The country school conference to be held in Chapel Hall, Saturday, will necessitate the closing of classes at ten o'clock. All students are anxious to attend. The lectures will be entertaining as well as highly instructive.

# Literary Societies

## Philo Musical Program.

Something mysterious and strange seemed to have filled the air for the past two weeks. Then it happened—the Philo society invited the Potter society and friends to come to the Chapel, Saturday evening, at promptly six o'clock. They were there prompt.

In the front row of the Chapel seats were seated many boys and girls with the expression of bashfulness on their faces. They were to perform and they did perform. The music was fine, but why comment on it. Everyone was there and everyone passed the same opinion.

"Seven Kuhns" direct from the jungles of Africa were imported for the second act. Their great musical talent and wit was displayed at the best possible advantage while their dramatic abilities could not be surpassed by "Kirk Brown" himself.

The program was ended in a very unique way by an acrobatic stunt which was the envy of even coach Hays.

Everyone left the hall feeling that they had indeed spent a pleasant evening. Appreciation was expressed by both words and actions.

R. M. B.

## The Green and the White.

The play is over, and as we return to dear old Potter hall we appreciate its quiet and aspiring attitude to a much greater extent than ever before. We, as a society, extend our thankfulness to all members of the school who aided us in making the entertainment a success, also to our patrons. Furthermore, we feel more than grateful to Miss Bauman, who was our director, and who took such interest in our work, helping in every possible way she could.

The society has been progressing with great rapidity this term. The programs are very interesting and all the chairs are occupied at every meeting. It is our desire that this record may still hold good for the remainder of the term, and we have faith that it will because of the large number of loyal and energetic members that are on our roll. The society has a full membership at present, but next term will give Y.O.U a chance to join. So, come and visit us at both remaining meetings.

The program for last Monday evening held in Potter hall at 6:00 was as follows:

### Mock Trial.

John Scott versus Frank E. Baker (Nevin Carmin),  
 Lawyer for Plaintiff—Adlia Dickey.  
 Lawyer for Defendant—Quincey Vincent.  
 Judge—Walt Whitman.  
 Witnesses for Plaintiff—Mearle Gaiswold, Gretchen

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Griminger, Marian Judd, Chas. Scott, Edward Baptista.  
 Witnesses for Defendant—Isabella Homan, Paul Bel-  
 lows, Verna Markle. Ora Hasbrouck, Glenn Steadman.  
 Clerk of Courts—John Krasinski.  
 Foreman of Jury—Fay Daley.  
 Stenographer—Perry Shively.

## Warm Maple Sugar Banquet, Normal Gym., Saturday Evening, March 15.

A banquet will be held in the Gymnasium Saturday evening, March 15, from 7 to 10, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The banqueters will be served with warm maple sugar and syrup and other dainties. Special music and singing will afford a pleasing accompaniment.

The sugar and syrup is not store goods, but was gathered and made by a member of the association at Maple Grove, a few miles west of Edinboro. He will guarantee it to be absolutely pure (under the annual tapping and boiling act of 1912).

Warm sugar is especially luscious just before the spring season opens and one is hungry for genuine syrup like what one gets at the camp.

The special feature of the evening, after society, is the sugar supper at the Gym. Bring your friends with you.

We are expecting some interesting facts from our friends along the Pacific Coast. In the meantime let us spare no pains in telling them what we are doing.

Mr. Walk—(9:00 a. m.) "Is your cor-  
 porosity sagaciated?"

Bill McKelvey—(11:30 a. m.) "I would  
 ejaculate an emphatic affirmative."

On Saturday, March 1, Mr. Byron Piatt delivered his lecture on "American Morals" in the Normal chapel. In it he advocated the direct teaching of sex hygiene in the schools, engaging as instructors for such work only experts in the subject, a line of thought that has been followed by the magazines for several years. He looks at youth and its possibilities from a standpoint of their environment, while Mr. Edward Amherst Ott, whose lecture on "Sour Grapes" was a number in the 1912 Spring Term Course, looks at youth and its possibilities from a standpoint of heredity. Mr. Piatt lays as the basis for all evil, ignorance. This lecture has been called "A straight, steady look into the question of moral good and evil." In it are some of the questions involved in the problem of morals, whether marriage is to be made difficult and divorce easy, what is to become of the American home, and whether or not the higher education of the masses is a moral necessity.

Mr. Piatt is called "A Prophet of the New Era." By the romantic setting of his facts and his dramatic presentation of those facts, he easily held the close attention of the audience. But it is doubtful whether such a question, touching closely as it does upon a matter so common and yet so vital to the American people, can ever be advanced by anything but simple, straightforward statements instead of by melodramatic presentation.

Cheer up Proper,  
 Don't look so sad;  
 Maybe she'll be back next term  
 Then you'll be glad.

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## Alumni Notes

Harry S. Gibson, a graduate of the class of 1901, is now teaching in Kansas.

We are very glad to hear that Lena Quick is recovering from her recent illness.

Fern and Fay Henton, '11, are taking up the second year in Allegheny College.

We have just received announcement of the marriage of Fern O. Bauman. She was a graduate of the class of 1908.

The Birch Rod has received the announcement of the marriage of Anna Leah Willey to Frank Leonard Sayre, which occurred Saturday evening, February 15, at Lyona, Pennsylvania. Both are graduates of Edinboro Normal school.

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We had our share of the new students who came to the Normal at the beginning of the winter term. We now have a class of thirty.

Mr. Perry is now allowed to spend some of his time outside of Commercial hall, for all the table-legs are of the required length.

On March 1, Miss Highland gave her type-writing class a speed contest.—Edward fussed.

Mabel Monroe and Lura Watson make the rest of us envious with accounts of their sleigh ride to Cambridge Springs last Saturday night.

Everything in the business world is done on time. Why, we even have to write to music.

Ralph Skelton, Fred Jewell and Byron Hoover distinguished themselves Thursday night in our game with the Sophomores.

Know ye, when McDonnel is missing he is at the office waiting for a permit.

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Mr. LaBounty, of the English department, has accepted an invitation to read the history of Timothy Alden, at the Founder's Day exercises of Allegheny College on April 24. The Founder's Day address will be given by President Pritchell of the Carnegie Foundation, formerly President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. LaBounty is associated with Dr. Ernest Smith, professor of History in Princeton University, in the work of preparing the history of Allegheny College for the Centennial celebration to be held in 1915, and his minute and thoroughgoing investigation of the Alden period of Allegheny's history and of the biographical details of the Founder entitles him to speak with authority upon the subject. The honor that comes to him is a deserved one, and the Allegheny authorities have chosen well.

### A Senior's Absence of Mind.

One of the Senior boys in Reeder Hall was visited by a member of the Freshman class the other day, and in their conversation the Freshman outdone the Senior. The Senior not wishing to be beaten by the freshness of the Freshie put his strength to use, but he did not realize that a Freshman's brains were heavier than his feet, until his feet were sticking through the glass pane of the door. A. N.

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## GUM.

Gum chewing has recently become a popular form of athletics in Edinboro. What could be more convenient to have during a recitation? It supplies the place of what might otherwise remain void—of expression.

How flattered "Bossie" would feel if she could step into one of the class rooms and see her favorite vocation executed with even more than bovine grace.

Aside from these benefits it furnishes an object on which the weary mind can concentrate itself.

How pleasant to ruminate a pleasant supply of "Wrigley's Best" during the many spare moments when there are no lessons to get.

Indeed its very name plays an important part in many vocabularies. What person has not heard that forcible, "By Gum" uttered without wondering whether or not Webster realized its full significance when he said it was a "substance to be chewed."

Contributed.

### Apple Blossoms in March.

It is not often that you may see apple blossoms when the mercury is at zero in mid-winter. But if you care to visit Mr. Snyder's laboratory of Experimental Agriculture he will be delighted to show you a twig that is fairly white with beautiful fragrant apple blossoms. The experiment was to determine the amount of nourishment that is retained in the branches during the winter. The twig was taken from a Northern Spy tree a few weeks ago and placed in a jar of water. The water often covered with ice at night and the blossoms have been found decked with crystals several mornings. But still they are blooming with all the hardiness of their species.

Mr. Snyder has aroused great interest even outside of his agricultural class. The tops of many radiators have taken the appearance of miniature gardens.

### A Study Hour Interruption.

The other evening as I was busily studying, my quiet peaceful hours were broken by a great scuffling of feet and loud cries of laughter coming from the adjoining room. Wondering what all the noise meant I made an investigation and soon discovered that one of those Juniors was trying to give her room-mate an electric shock by scuffling on the floor and then touching her victim. I looked on for a minute; then I said, "What put such a crazy notion into your head?" Her excited reply was, "Mr. Snyder said you could give a person a shock if you scuffle on linoleum with felt slippers then touch the person with your finger, and it will cause an electric shock." Feeling somewhat relieved I went back to my room and resumed my studies. A Sophomore.

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You want basketball games and you want fast games with fast teams. That means more than yelling across the street "Let's play scrub." This year in arranging the basketball schedule and in mailing contracts for games the manager wrote over two hundred letters. In addition to this he has to have bills printed and posted. The coach and the boys who play must practise faithfully several times a week, and must keep training rules. (Marley may not eat any supper the night of the game) The gymnasium must be kept in the best condition, supplies must be looked after, balls ready for use, baskets in order. The treasurer must sell tickets, take charge of elections, collect membership fees, and pay bills. The president must call meetings of the executive committee and see that all the others are working.

Mr. Snyder worked all one Monday building a new gateway, and another day helping to reinforce the backboards to the baskets, saving the expense of new ones. All your officers are working continually helping to build up the Association and bring it out of debt. Now do your share.

In the recent winter election Jane Riblet was elected secretary for the coming year.

Vincent Hayes proved to be such an efficient assistant this year that he was elected Football manager for 1913.

Dean Shriver was elected assistant manager with the understanding that he is to be manager next year.

With a little more support and much more enthusiasm we can begin on a big new proposition—An Athletic Field. There is plenty of ground here, and with a willingness to work on our part we can have a new well drained football field, a concrete grandstand, a running track and two new tennis courts all enclosed by a high fence. Will you help build it? If the Alumni would only decide to help, surely the students will do their share. M. J.

The Red and White went to Slippery Rock Monday, March 10, to play the return game. Word came over the phone that the Green and White won the game 37-19. Details will be given later.

Where are the Haven Hall notes?

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### FINAL CLASS GAMES PLAYED.

#### Seniors Win From Commercials, Freshmen From Sophomores, Commercials From Sophomores, Seniors From Freshmen.

Saturday, March 1, the Freshmen boys and the Sophomore boys played a preliminary game to the Senior-Commercial game. The Sophomores advanced with blood in their eyes but the order of things was soon changed. The blood was on their borrowed suits. The Freshmen proved that they had not practiced week after week in vain. They mounted the Sophomore goat and rode it to victory to the tune of 12—2 amid the cheers of their classmates and the groans of the Sophs.

The Seniors lined up against the strong Commercial team expecting a hard game. The Commercials were beaten earlier in the year, as were the Seniors, by the Juniors; the Juniors winning the games by one point. If there is anything in dope the Commercials should have held the Seniors to a close score, but although the Senior signals were blocked at center by Hilliard, the Commercial center; the game proved easy for the Seniors. It was marred through-out by the snores of the on-lookers and the disgusted look on the face of the Senior players when they realized that they had been asleep and made another wild shot in an effort to wake up. The final score stood 13—3 in Senior favor and they are wondering yet how they failed to make it 30—3.

On Monday the Freshmen boys engaged in mortal combat with the Commercial team, now weakened by the loss of two of their best players. The Freshies did not seem quite able to realize that their proper place is number five and showed how ambitious they were by walloping the Commercials 13—2, insuring for themselves place three and the honor of meeting the Seniors for second place.

Thursday afternoon the Freshmen went down to defeat at the hands of the disgusted band of Seniors. The game was, for the Seniors, a repetition of the Commercial game and resulted in a score of 12—6 in their favor.

The game was even slower than the Commercial game and the only reason that the Freshies scored at all was because they failed to make disturbance enough to waken the Seniors to the fact that they were present.

The Sophomores were again overwhelmed this time by the Commercial mob. The score board showed 10—4 with the Commercials on the good end. The tackling and end runs in this game were especially good.

These games close the inter-class contest and show as results: Juniors, cup winners; Seniors, second; Freshmen third, (with enlarged turrets); Commercial, fourth, and Sophomores, broom brigade.

### Normal Loses to Slippery Rock.

Edinboro lost to Slippery Rock, Monday evening, March 3, in the fastest and most exciting game that has been played on the home floor this year.

Although we lost the game we should feel very proud of the work done by the home team against the strong Slippery Rock team, which is said to be partly composed of paid men. If this is the case their appearance did not belie their reputation.

If we had won the game, with a paid team we would have had much less cause to feel proud of our team,

Our Varsity is strictly an all school team. Each and every man in order to play on our Varsity is required to do twenty-five hours of satisfactory work a week. Money would probably hire better players, but we do not consider that the right kind of school spirit.

From the very start, the game was featured by fast floor work and roughness on the part of both teams.

During the first half the game was very exciting as the score was frequently tied. At the end of the first half the score stood 10—10. Shortly after the second half started they began to gradually outclass the Red and White in point getting, until at the close of the game the score stood 26—17 in Slippery Rock's favor.

Proudfit and Leach starred for Normal and McDaniels for Slippery Rock. Proudfit showed his accustomed form and managed to cage the ball for five baskets. His floor work was also of high order. Leach played a fine guard game, not allowing his man to score. Graham did not get his accustomed number of field

goals but his foul shooting was good. Hood, Harbaugh and Shriver played a strong consistent game. Harbaugh enjoys the distinction of making the first basket of the game.

Slippery Rock		Edinboro
Donovan .....	L. F. ....	Proudfit
Mc Daniels .....	R. F. ....	Graham
Aber .....	C. ....	Harbaugh
Ballas .....	R. G. ....	Leach
Scarry .....	L. G. ....	Hood—Shriver

Field goals: McDaniels 6, Aber 1, Ballas 2, Proudfit 5, Harbaugh 1.

Fouls: McDaniels 8, Graham 5.  
Final score: Slippery Rock 26, Edinboro 17. Referee, Morrison. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

C. B

### FORTY YEARS AGO.

I wandered back to dear old Normal,  
Where for years I have not been;  
And the pleasure which it gave me,  
I thought it couldn't end.

The old hall is still standing,  
The benches are replaced,  
So like the very ones  
Our penknives have defaced.

The old professors are sleeping now,  
Where the ivy and the grasses grow,  
On the hill, where the boys were sliding,  
Just forty years ago.

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And they are seldom seen.  
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Was that of nineteen sixteen.

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**REEDER HALL NOTES.**

A. K. Hummer visited Harry last week.

We had a house meeting Thursday evening.

Be sure and come to the sugar supper Saturday night.

We noticed that Helen Bathurst is fond of pie for supper.

Spring is coming, even members of the faculty are afflicted.

Harold Wildman has come to live with us. We bid him welcome.

Hasbrouck kicked the glass out of Steadman's door, but it was Glenn's fault.

Messrs. Bentley and Lamb, of Beaver Center, visited Hubert last week.

Steadman is private tutor. Marley thinks he will brush up a bit in Physics.

Reeder Hall is full. Harbaugh, Hayes and Jewell are living in the Gymnasium.

Whiting and Bentley have been rather careless lately with their talcum powder.

Floyd Bathurst, Warren Judd, Carl Johnson and Glenn Irwin spent a few days at Reeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickey spent Sunday, March 3, with Adlia and Elthel in Reeder and Haven.

The boys are preparing special music to give at the sugar supper Saturday night. Instrumental and vocal solos will be expected.

Rusterholtz is wearing an expression of disappointment, but is seen at his regular place in the dining hall; so his appetite is not affected.

Messrs. Smith, Irvin and Whiting; Misses Markel, Whiting, Maffitt and Irvin were entertained at the Anderson Club recently by Neil Matthews. They all reported that "Matt" was "right clever" in his manner of entertaining.

The boys are practicing three nights a week for the cantata of "Esther the Beautiful Queen." The excellent musical production will be staged next week. Whatever you do, come to hear it.

**A Faculty Sleighride.**

Last Friday night sixteen of the teachers made an expedition to the Smith farm in quest of fun and food. Some went by sleigh, some by trolley and a few hard souls on foot. The interval between the arrival and supper was filled by staid amusements in the Smith parlor, choice selections on the phonograph and singing of well-tested, time-proof songs such as "Way Down Upon the Swanee River" and "Old Black Joe." Someone attempted to fill a gap in the merriment, by suggesting a game which bored some, annoyed others and exhausted all. Fortunately supper, which is always timely, put an end to one kind of en-

joyment and supplied another pleasing to all. The teachers may be Stoics in the matter of examinations and other such necessary evils attendant upon their profession, but in their attitude toward the good meal that Mrs. Smith had provided they proved themselves true Epicureans.

The evening was as logically concluded as was that famous march of the King of France up the hill. For some went home on foot, some by rail and the rest by sleigh. The one noticeable effect of the evening's pleasure exertion was that several of the teachers were lacking in chapel the next morning.

**Plans of the Association.**

The association has decided to give the students the opportunity to participate in a tennis tournament. A prize of a tennis racket is to be given to the winners of the singles in both the boys' and the girls' contest. A prize of tennis balls is to be given to the winners of the doubles in both. This will necessitate a lot of hustling on the part of all who intend to enter the contest, so hunt out your tennis racket and wipe the dust from the strings. The question will naturally arise on the part of some as to where they will practice. Don't worry; the association is at present urging the laying out of two more tennis courts. Everyone ought to get out and practice, as it is a good place to use up all superfluous energy.

While the students are cosily hugging the radiator the boys are working in the Gym. getting in condition for the baseball season. Mr. Hayes is trying to get as much work in as possible even though the weather is bad. If you see any broken windows upstairs in the Gym. you will know that one of the boys was too ambitious.

The association brought up the subject of an inter-class meet and Mr. Hayes offered to coach the boys if they cared enough about it to organize themselves. He leaves the decision entirely in the hands of the students, however, and if they desire a meet they will have to get busy.

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**Seniors Won Cup—Under Classes Were Unable to Make a Basket.**

The Senior girls did not lose a point in basketball this year. Their team is one of the best girl's basketball teams ever at Edinboro.

The Juniors won from the Freshmen by a score of 36—0. The Sophomores won from the Freshmen 26—0. The Freshmen showed much improvement in guarding and passing in the last game. Their line-up was as follows: Ethelyn Bowser and Myrtle Morrison, forwards; Helena Jackson, center; Elsie Peterson and Lela Roudabush, guards.

Monday afternoon, March 3, the Sophomores and Juniors contested for second place. Both sides were confident of victory.

The lineup was:

Juniors	Sophomores
Esther Averill.....R. F.....	Ethel Howland
Jane Riblet.....L. F.....	Luella Pinney
Marie Webster.....C.....	Florence Harvey
Edith Randall.....R. G.....	Evelyn Crandall
Cynthia Frame.....L. G.....	Lillian Lockard

This was the most exciting game of the series, the teams being more evenly matched. In the first few minutes of the game Esther located the basket, causing howls of derision from the Sophomores and shouts of delight from the Juniors.

Plucky playing on the Sophomores side soon won a basket for them, Luella being the cause of the yelling this time.

The score being 2—2 the sidelines shouted encouragement to their respective teams. The Junior team being backed up so well by their classmates, soon showed what they were made of by making neat passes. Jane soon made a basket. Luella followed this up with a foul basket and the first half ended 4—3 in favor of the Juniors.

Both sides agreeing, the last half was made a 15 minute one and the fight began. The Sophomores for some unknown reason changed their guards around. Whether due to this or not they were unable to hold their opponents down, the Juniors made 5 baskets. The Sophomore forwards slipped their guards and shot two baskets. The whole game was marked by passing on the Junior side, although Florence prevented many a neat pass. The final score was Junior 14, Sophomore 7.

Referee, Coach Hayes; timer, Harold Hood; scorekeeper, Lewis Acker.

Field baskets: Ethel Howland 1, Luella Pinney 2, Esther Averill 3, Jane Riblet 4.

Foul baskets: Luella Pinney 1.

The girls cannot boast of winning from upper classes, but can say that they held their ground.

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