# The Birch Rod

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## A CELEBRITY IN OUR MIDST

# William Howard Taft Honors the Normal School With a Special Visit Saturday, Oct. 26.

David Grayson sets it down as a close secret regarding celebrities:

"They cannot survive without common people like you and me."

However that may be, Mr. Grayson's description of a visit of one clothed with great dignity is not amiss here:

"Not for many weeks have I had a more interteresting, more illuminating, and when all is told, a more amusing, experience, than I had this afternoon. Since this afternoon the world has seemed a more satisfactory place to live in, and my own home here, the most satisfactory, the most central place in all the world. I have come to the conclusion that anything may happen here!

"We have had a celebrity in our small midst, and the hills, as the Psalmist might say, have lifted up their heads, and the trees have clapped their hands together."

In the bustle of the expectation of our entire community's journeying to Cambridge Springs to see the President on the occasion of his visit there on October 26, Principal Baker announced the possibility of the President's being persuaded to come to Edinboro to make a brief address to the Normal School. When the applause had subsided, he hastened to say that the matter was not yet settled but that he had every reason to expect the plan would materialize inasmuch as he had the approval of both Congressman Bates and The Birch Rod in the undertaking.

(Applause lasted thirty-four minutes at this point.)

Elsewhere every diplomatic move of the gentlemen who finally convinced the President's aides to make the journey to Edinboro has been published. It may here be said in entire propriety that the chief and final influence that won the signal distinction for the Normal School was the effect of the approval of The Birch Rod. Just because it is true, modesty need not forbid our saying that when the magic name of The Birch Rod was uttered in the face of any slight objection to the visit, everybody was all smiles; and even the President's aides were ready and eager to come.

A special car brought the President and his party to Edinboro at 5:20 on October 26. Passing from the train to Normal Hall, Mr. Taft was bombarded with flowers, the school children of Edinboro acting as an escort to the distinguished visitor. The students and citizens gave the President a hearty welcome on his entrance into the hall. His speech, which is here given verbatim, was as follows:

"I am glad to be here and to greet you. I thank the Auditor General for his kindly introduction, and I agree with what he has said about the importance of education, moral and secular, with the purpose of making good citizens, but what I would like to say tonight is something to encourage those who are going to embrace the profession of teaching.

"In many respects, the teacher's profession is the greatest in the world. It is the one which takes hold of the boy and girl at the formative period, when they can be made something of, or let go to be nothing. It is then that you in your profession of teaching will first develop his mind and then develop his character, and set him on the way to a higher ideal in life. Now if you embrace teaching as a profession, you have to be content to live in pretty moderate circumstances. You have got to be content to get along without luxuries and not become the rich of the earth. You have got to be content with living a life of usefulness. Your rewards are going to come from the contemplation of having done your duty, having worked out the problem that is before you and having done something to benefit the human race in making the boys and girls under your tutorage better men and women.

"I don't come here to sympathize with you. You don't need sympathy. The consciousness of having done your duty, the fact that you can look back over your life and see where your efforts have helped someone is going to make your life worth the living; that exceeds anything in the way of money. You think that is preaching, and it is; but I am fifty-one years old and have lived long enough to find out many things that you will learn as you grow older. The greatest asset you have is character and with character you will be able to play your part in a worthy manner. So standing shoulder to shoulder in the cause of education you can do wonders to help in the cause and can say when you are done, "I have done my little and for that I deserve credit.'

"I like to speak to teachers because they do begin in the spirit of self-sacrifice. I realized this more than ever through my experience in the Philippines. In the Philippines we had to instruct half a

million children. What language shall we teach them? Should it be English or Spanish? There were sixteen different dialects; none of them fit for civilized people. Seven per cent. spoke English, so we concluded to take up English. How were we going to get teachers? We had a thousand teachers, most of them young women, all from the United States. The destructive tendencies of matrimony carried away some of them, but we now have a trained body that has taught and has created a teaching body of from eight to nine hundred Philippine teachers whoteach English to the boys and girls, so that there are now four hundred thousand children learning your language-English. It is the language through which these young Philipinos can learn modern civilization. The eight or nine hundred who contributed to that result have a right to say, "I have lived a life of usefulness to the community and have contributed that result which is an honor to the nation and an honor to those who have brought it about.

"You have embraced a profession that gives as great an opportunity for usefulness, and therefore, as great an opportunity for happiness as any profession we have in this society of ours.

"Young ladies and gentlemen, I honor, and you should honor, the profession you are about to enter. I congratulate you and I thank you."

Immediately upon the conclusion of this address, the President returned to Cambridge Springs, and by six o'clock was on board his special car for Washington.

Many things might be said of the visit of the President. Details eminently interesting at the time are less relevant now. The central fact of the President's having been with us is at this time the most important. Perhaps the best thing that has been said of the whole affair was Mr. Barnes' comment in the Edinboro Independent of October 31:

"Edinboro is justly proud of the honor accorded her in Mr. Taft's special visit. It is not an unusual thing for a small community on the main route of travel to secure, in campaign time, the visits of distinguished candidates, but for a town to obtain, as a personal favor largely, the honor of a purely social visit from the Nation's Chief Executive is exceedingly rare, and makes the experience of Saturday unique and memorable. It was an inspiration to us all, regardless of political bias, to have the great privilege of such an intimate view of the President of the United States—for it was as such that Mr. Taft was here—and no one who was in Edinboro on Saturday will ever forget the occasion."

## Frank E. McEntire, '12, Writes Interestingly of His Trip West.

The Birch Rod has received the following letter:

Yacolt, Wash., Nov. 4, 1912. Dear Teachers, Classmates and Friends:

In "The Birch Rod" for Sept. 14 I read an appeal addressed to the Alumni, which asked for a description of their present surroundings. The following is an answer to this call.

In the first place I want to tell you how I came to come to Clark County, Washington. One day last spring Mr. F. E. Baker received a letter from Mr. H. J. Lonctot, '02, formerly of Titusville, Pennsylvania, asking him to recommend a young man for assistant principal of the Yacolt High School. Mr. Baker called me "To the Office" and when I left it I had promised that I would go to that far off place if elected. Later I was elected through the recommendations of my kind teachers and so on August 21 I started out to fulfill this promise.

In making this trip of nearly three thousand miles I touched the following places of interest: Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Lake Erie, which I traveled across on an Anchor Line Passenger, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, (where I visited the Minnesota State Capitol, the Stock Yards and Swift's Packing House) Minneapolis, the lake region of Minnesota, (where I spent a week) Red River Valley, Missouri River Valley, Billings, Laurel, Montana, (where I spent a week in the wheat ranch; this place is in the Yellowstone River Valley), the Rocky Mountains, Spokane, the Seattle, Vancouver, Cascade Mountains, Washington and Yacolt.

After having traveled through about three hundred miles of arid country I certainly was delighted when I found that on this side of the Cascades grass, trees, etc., were growing native and not just in the places where irrigation had been applied. Irrigation certainly is opening up vast waste districts, but the places where it has not touched are very dismal to one who has always been used to green vegetation.

Upon arriving in Yacolt I found that it was situated in a valley which had been surrounded by forests but is now only partly surrounded because of the devastation of forest fires and the work of logging companies. Yacolt, in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, is a typical logging town of only about 430 population but it can boast of many modern conveniences. It is forty miles north of Portland, Oregon, and is 700 feet above sea level. From here the logging trains go back into the mountains, a distance of about twelve miles, to the camps of

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the Twin Falls Logging Company, which is a branch of the great Weyerhauser Company. This company is one of several near here. was up to visit one of its camps a few weeks ago and found that they were clearing the ground as they went of all marketable timber. This timber is mostly fir and cedar, and the trees from which it is taken grows on an average of 200 feet in height and about three feet in diameter. The return trip of this visit was most delightful, for I was riding in the cab of the engine and in this position I could look at the hills and valleys, the gradual declining slope of the track, and the twisting of our train-load of logs as we swung around the Take it all in all, this ride down the mountain was much more sensational than any scenic railroad ride I have ever taken.

In closing I will state that you may look for a description of my school work in my next letter—if this letter gets into print. Then I wish to urge upon my readers that we who are in various parts of the United States would like to hear from you.

FRANK E. McENTIRE, '12.

### October Honor Roll.

According to the reports of teachers the following students were absent neither from any class nor from chapel during the month of Octoher:

Agnew, Mary Amidon, Dorris Amidon, Angeline Autate, Mary Babcock, Gerald

McIntosh, Gladys McKinley, Frances Madden, Francis Marsh, Hazel Mitchell, Freda

Baker, Mabel Baptista, Edward Batchelor, Macie Bellows, Paul Biemer, Regina Bowersock, Freeda Bowser, Ethelyn Boyle, Madonna Butterfield, Marguerite Cass, Neff Compton, Alice Comstock, Joy Copeland, Fern Coughlin, Fred Coulter, Leon Davis, Lillian Davis, Susie DeArment, Roy Fisher, Mariorie Fleischmann, Irene Frame, Cynthia Freeman, Roy Glenn, Lulu Greenman, Luella Griswold, Mearl Hamilton Leona Harbaugh, John Harrison, Leo Harrison, Margaret Harvey, Florence Hays, Vincent Hasbrouck, Ora Huff, Paul Hummer, Harry Joslyn, Carl Joslyn, Mildred Kilgore, Almeda Kline, Eva Krasinski, John Lewis, Myra Lockard, Esther Lockard, Lillian McCartney, Agnes

Mitchell, John Mondereau, Emmett Morgan, Ellen Morton, Mabel Mosier Helen Paine, Nemesia Perry, Alice Peters, Carrie Pieper, Matilda Proudfit, Ruth Query, Lucinda Quirk, Anna Richey, Donald Ritchey, Rena Robinson, Margaret Rondebush, Lela Rusterholtz, Jerome Scott. Charles Seavy, Edna Shriver, Dean Sigworth, Bess Sigworth, Ina Silfies, Estella Siverling, Mary Smith, Frances Squier, Mary Steadman, Glenn Steenler, Oscar Terrill, Luciel Trejchel, Joseph Turner, Byron Van Ettan, Emily Wade, Mariorie Waid, Vincent Waite, Olive Waterhouse, Charles Webster, Marie Wells, Laura White, Clara Whiting, Clara Whitman, Walt Wilkinson, Ethel Wood, Ivis

Wood, Sarah

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Edinboro, Pa.

## Alumni Notes

Charles Burch, '03, is principal of Lander High School.

Fern Bowman, '08, is teaching in Titusville. Adele and Jennie Harper, '03, are teaching in the Oil City graded schools.

Jessie Fitz, '09, is teaching in Pithole. Fred D. Oiler, '94, is practicing law in Oklahoma.

Joseph Deamer, '11, is working in Erie. Ruby Anderson, '07, is teaching near Ed

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Nellie Cotton, '08, is teaching in Coleville. Mary Carey, '10, is teaching in Russell, Pa. Lyle Baldwin, '11, is teaching in Warren county.

William Greenlee, '12, is principal of the Cranesville High School.

Carl Holder, '12, is teaching the Population School, Elk Creek Township, Erie County.

Clyde Joslin, '12, is teaching in Pont, Pa.

Nora Sherman, '08, is teaching the Intermediate room in Wellsburg, Pa.

Elmer Frantz, '09, is principal of the Wellsburg High School.

Elda Swift, '09, is teaching vocal and instrumental music in the Caldwell Private School, Washington, Pa.

Allene Babcock, '12, is teaching the Primary grades in the Lander High School, Warren County.

### Edinboro Defeated by Thiel College.

November second the Edinboro Normal football team journeyed to Greenville to play Thiel College. On occount of rain and snow the field was covered with snow and water.

The game started by Thiel kicking off to Edinboro. Edinboro lost the ball on the second down and Thiel then succeeded in making a touchdown on their second down, by an end run. The ball was again put in play and after a few minutes Thiel made another touchdown and before the quarter was up they made another one. The quarter ended with the score 19-0 in favor of Thiel.

In the second quarter Thiel succeeded in getting two more touchdowns while they held Edinboro from scoring. Although the Edinboro team did not score, this quarter it played a great deal stronger game than during the first quarter.

The second half opened by Edinboro kicking off to Thiel. Now a real struggle began. Edinboro was at last warmed up. The ball Greater Erie's Greater Store---Boston Store

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While we mention the above departments particularly, we do not mean that they should overshadow the many other departments in the store which are showing equally as interesting Fall Merchandise---Men's and Women's Underwear, Hosiery, Blankets, Flannels, Corsets and Gloves, Upholstery and Curtain Dept., 2nd floor, Shirt Waists and Muslin Underwear---all contribute their quota to the fall display.

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### Big Time at the Gym.

The Junior Class surprised the other classes of the school and residents of Edinboro, on November 1, by showing them a jolly good time. The gymnasium was decorated, mainly with corn stalks and pumpkins, although autumn leaves and apples were there in profusion. The balcony was strung with pennants and in each corner of the room was a little country store where cider, doughnuts and apples were served.

The guest on entering, found himself immediately in an intricate and winding passage. After trying his best to stumble through and to escape from the ghosts and other unearthly ly people, he was greatly assisted over the last moving floor and thence directed to the check room.

As soon as all the guests were assembled, those who were either masked or in costume took part in the grand march. Many funny, interesting and peculiar costumes were exhibited. It afforded much amusement to both old and young. Afterward every one unmasked and partook heartily of the refreshments which were then served.

The program for the evening was very entertaining and exciting. The playing and singing met with the deep approval of the people. This was followed by a long ghostly-ghost march. In the dimly lighted room the ghosts could be seen moving in many windings and

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difficult drills. Finally the last ghost disappeared and the hall once more blazed into light. Next about thirty young people marched out and gave two Swedish dances. This again started the audience to clapping; then something still better was brought forth. This time the Junior boys showed their skill by giving the wheel-barrow race. Mr. Hood was the victor.

The climax finally came when Hood and Hayes gave their barrel prize fight. The visitors laughed more and more until finally Hood, champion of E. S. N. S., knocked his opponent from Thiel completely down and out. This ended the program. The people showed their appreciation, and even Mr. Hayes smiled his approval, while lying in a stupor on the floor. The guests all voted the Junior Class and Mr. Hayes (Manager) loyal entertainers, and the Juniors, themselves, feel amply repaid for all their work and effort.

-R R

#### Haven Hall Notes.

Miss Ham had the nicest party last Monday. She said she invited thirteen guests but only twelve came, so we're still superstitious. We discovered that she is a connoisseur at the chafing dish and the jolliest of hostesses.

Irene Flieschman, Helena Jackson and Elizabeth Fowler went to Meadville last Saturday to the Ivy Club dance and stayed over Sunday at Elizabeth's home.

With two such big things as a foot ball game and President Taft to look at on the same day no wonder our nerves hardly stood the strain.

Mr. Bellows seems very popular with the ladies.

Esther Averill spent last Sunday with friends in North East.

Elizabeth Fowler's father and mother spent last Sunday with her here.

White flowers from the Marsh-es never wither.

No wonder the tables in the dining room have looked so bare these last few Sundays.

The following persons visited at their homes over Sunday:

Ethel Dickey, Myrtle Morrison, Ethelyn Morrison, Alta Rickard, Helen Whiting, Frances McKinley, Regina Biemer, Edith Randall., Ruth Kidder, Elmo Houtz, Anna Quirk, Ruth Proudfit, Madonna Boyle, Francis Smith, Erma Gabhardt, Eleanor Asmus, Jane Riblet.

If any one notices a tendency to stutter in any of the Haven Hall girls they are warned that it is on account of a slang contest that has been going on for a week. There are twelve "Watch Us Grow."

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contestants, six on a side, and the conditions are that the side using the most slang in two weeks must give a feast to the other six, at the end of that time. I've forgotten the exact number of thousand expressions recorded on each side but they're getting desperate and beginning to stammer. There is no clue vet as to who will win and I believe Miss Ham and Miss Swenarton, the judges, are very busy settling disputes as to whether a thing is or is not slang. I doubt if any of the girls will ever regain sufficient poise to speak without suddenly clasping their hands over their mouth or without warning rushing for note book to write down, "Simply blew himself," "Goo all over it," or "Oh, cat."

Ethel Wilkinson's mother visited her last Wednesday.

Mrs. Jackson, of Oil City, visited her daughter over Sunday.

Mr. Sullivan, after visiting the culinary department, reports that everything is in perfect order.

### The Wade Frato.

We, the students of Edinboro State Normal School, who reside at the Wade house on Meadville street, do hereby agree among ourselves for the interest of The Birch Rod and its readers to publish weekly a fair and correct statement of the happenings and funny incidents that occur to ourselves as students. The name of this fraternity shall be, "The Wade Frat."

Signed by present members:

DON HENRY NEVIN CARMIN CHAS. SCOTT JOHN MITCHELL RAY FREEMAN SILVAN HILLIARD

The subject under discussion at the Frato is politics, all parties being represented by able contestants. A proof for this statement is the representation made by our able speaker, Chas. Scott, in chapel.

Roy, one of the most interesting members of our Frato, is noted for his keen sense of smell. While walking up street about four o'clock in the afternoon he passed his boarding house. He dashed into the house and said: "Is supper ready?" The landlady being amazed by the astonishing question exclaimed: "No." Roy replied: "Well, I smelt something."

Roy, Dean and Nevin are members of the infantry because they find it necessary to visit their mothers weekly.

By means of rest obtained at the "Wade Frato" and the excellent nourishment from the "Anderson Club" the vigor and muscular ability of Silvan Hilliard increased to such an extent that he decided to walk to Meadville last Monday, a distance of twenty-three miles. He was accompanied by Stuart Graham, of Reeder Hall. On their journey they viewed the construction work and progress on the Erie railroad.

John Mitchell, one of our loyal members, lives each day in quietude and performs the duties of a WHITE man.

### The Reserves Play Waterford.

October 27 the second team played the Waterford football team at Waterford. Edinboro outclassed and outweighed their opponents and also had the advantage from the start. In the beginning of the game the Reserves got possession of the ball and by a series of line bucks steadily drove Waterford back. Waterford got possession of the ball a few times but were held for downs. Edinboro drove their opponents back until they were within a foot of Waterford's goal line, then by a line buck the ball was carried across the line.

In the second quarter the Reserves rushed their opponents off their feet and before the quarter was up scored two touch downs. The half ended with the score 18-0, with Edinboro in the lead.

During the second half although the Reserves had the ball in their possession, in Waterford's territory, most of the time they were unable to score. During the last few minutes of play Waterford attempted a forward pass. Just at this inopportune time a whistle blew and Edinboro men thought it was the referee's whistle, therefore they allowed one of Waterford's men to catch the ball and get started up the field before they found out that it was not the referee's whistle. On this play one of Waterford's men ran seventy-five yards for a touch down.

### Reeder Hall Notes.

Mr. Sigworth visited Fay Daley over Sunday.

Paul Webb, William McKelvey, Joe Trejchel, Paul Bellows, Harold Miller, Harold Gorman, Pattison and John Krasinski were home over Sunday.

Mrs. Obert and Mrs. Gorman were visiting here last week.

Reeder Hall was opened to the girls last Saturday during the game, on account of the rain. Judging by the remarks made by the girls, we ought to be proud of our dormitory. Remarks like these: "How clean the rooms are!" "How nicely decorated are the walls!" "What nice pictures!" "Look at the neckties!" were common.

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### Edinboro Defeated by Thiel.

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changed hands several times. At last the Thiel team succeeded in pushing the Edinboro team back toward their goal line, and by a trick play secured another touchdown. The ball was again put in play by Edinboro again kicking off to Thiel. For the rest of the quarter the teams fought back and forth across the center of the field.

The fourth quarter started by Edinboro kicking off to Thiel. Thiel lost the ball on downs. Edinboro then, by a series of line bucks, began gradually to approach Thiel's goal line, the latter team fighting vigorously, but they could not stop Edinboro's line rushes. With the ball two feet from their goal line Thiel made a last desperate effort to check Edinboro, but a rush through the center carried the ball across. Goal was then kicked. The ball was then put in play by Thiel kicking off to Edinboro. Again Thiel was slowly driven back. When the whistle blew for "time up" the ball

was in Edinboro's passession on Thiel's twenty-five yard line.

Although the score was 31-6 in favor of Thiel, Edinboro deserves some credit. The Edinboro team was on the field almost an hour before the game began, and when the contest started they were wet and stiff. They were not used to the wet field. Four times when the ball was near their own goal line and they attempted to punt, the ball was so wet that it slipped and hit the lines and bounded backward. This gave Thiel the ball each time, near Edinboro's goal line. Thiel also outweighed Edinboro twenty pounds to the man.

### Ex-Senator Cannon on Mormonism.

To those who knew little or nothing of the menace of Mormonism, Ex-Senator Cannon's address on Monday evening came as a startling revelation. Once a Mormon himself, Mr. Cannon spoke as one thoroughly acquainted with what he had to discuss. He is at present devoting his entire time to an educational campaign against the Mormon church and its practices. While not an easy nor a pleasant speaker, his message was of the sort to compel the closest attention; he charges Mormonism with a long series of deadly sins. Most serious, perhaps, was that of open treason to the government of the United States.

He gave the past history of Mormonism; told of the crisis that came in their church life in Harrison's administration; revealed the character of the present Mormon leader as he had

come to understand it.

He particularly invited attention to the polygamous teachings and practices of the church. By a series of stories he laid bare a state of affairs, both in the church and in the missionary endeavors of the church, that was revolting. It was too bad, inasmuch as this was one of his most serious charges against the organization, that he felt that he could make any allusion to the practice of polygamy that the audience could feel free to take as humor. Such was the case; perhaps it was the fault of audience rather than that of the speaker.

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## Warren High Wins by Small Margin on Local Grounds.

In the football game of last Saturday Warren High School had a hard run for their money, when they gained a victory of 7-6 from the Edinboro eleven. From the way the uniforms of the teams looked after the game, the weather man must have forgotten that the game was to be played Saturday, November 9.

The game was opened by Edinboro kicking off to Warren. In a few minutes Warren succeeded in getting the ball within two feet of Edinboro's goal line. The cry of the referee was, "First down and two feet to gain!" Here was a chance for Edinboro's linemen to show what they could do. Warren tried line bucks and trick plays, but none of them succeeded in getting the ball across Edinboro's goal line. In fact at the end of Warren's fourth down the ball was two yards from Edinboro's line. Edinboro then punted and carried the ball back to Edinboro's twenty-yard line. After a few plays, in which neither side gained much, the whistle blew for the end of the quarter

The second quarter began with Warren making two good gains on end runs. then made a touchdown by a forward pass across Edinboro's line. Goal was kicked. The game was continued by Warren kicking off. Edinboro received the ball and on the first down made a a forward pass to Leach, who carried the ball for fifty yards and placed it behind Warren's goal. The trial for goal failed. Edinboro then kicked off to Warren, holding their opponents until on the fourth down they punted. Edinboro then obtained the ball and tried a forward pass that failed. Edinboro gained ten yards on the next play, which was a line buck. Edinboro was then forced to Warren succeeded in getting the ball back to the center of the field, by end runs. When the half was ended the ball was nearly in the center of the field.

At the beginning of the second half Edinboro punted to Warren and held them for downs. Then Edinboro lost the ball on a fumble. Warren took the ball and punted. Edinboro received the ball and tried a forward pass, which failed. The third quarter ended with the ball in Edinboro's possession on Warren's twenty-five yard line.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter Edinboro made a forward pass and Warren caught it. No gains were made on either side this quarter, each team holding the other for downs and compelling their opponents to punt on the last down. During the last few minutes of play Edinboro got possession of the ball and gradually pushed the Warren team backward. When the whistle blew Edinboro

had possession of the ball on Warren's ten-yard

The tackles of Dearment, Richey and Bentley were the feature of the last quarter. The line-up was as follows:

EDINBORO-6		WARREN-7
Shriver	L. E	Ghering
Dereamer		
Richey		
Dearment		
Matthews-Bentley		
Marsh		
Graham		
Green	Q. B	Messner
Jewel-Hood	L. H.	Miller
Obert		
Leach		

The editors have been informed that the quotation from the Potter placard is erroneous. Our reporter read a mutilated placard and wishes to rectify his error. The placard read, "Potter, the society that uses no slang."

## NORMAL LECTURE COURSE FALL TERM

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### Allegheny Reserves Win Close Game.

In the fourth football game of the season, played Saturday, October 26, against the Allegheny Reserves, on the home grounds, Edinboro was defeated by a score of 14-6. The Varsity eleven showed better team work in this game than in any other game of the season thus far.

The first quarter opened by Allegheny kicking off to Edinboro. Edinboro carried the ball back to the center of the field and lost it on the second down. Allegheny then succeeded in getting back to Edinboro's thirtyfive vard line. Edinboro then regained the ball and White was given a chance to carry it on a wide end run around right end. He carried the ball for sixty-five yards and placed it behind Allegheny's goal, for a touchdown. The attempt to kick goal failed. Allegheny again kicked off, but there were no more long gains made by either side. The quarter ended with the score 6-0 in favor of the Normal.

During the second quarter the ball was carried back and forth across the field, neither side scoring, ending with Edinboro still in the lead.

The second half started by Allegheny kicking off to Edinboro. In a few minutes Allegheny secured possession of the ball and by a few skillful plays carried the ball over the line for a touchdown. The goal was kicked. Allegheny again kicked off to Edinboro. Edinboro lost the ball on downs. Allegheny then slowly took the ball down the field and by use of the forward pass made another touchdown. Goal was again kicked. The ball was then put in play but neither side gained much, the quarter ending with Allegheny in the lead.

Edinboro rallied in the last quarter and outclassed their opponents in every way, although Allegheny succeeded in getting the ball to Edinboro's five-yard line. Edinboro then secured the ball and by a series of line bucks and end runs carried the ball towards Allegheny's goal line. The whistle blew with Edinboro on Allegheny's twenty-yard line.

Great credit is to be given the team for their good work. They were outweighed fifteen pounds to the man. The following is the line-up:

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