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S E N I O R S P R E S E N T "B E A N O P T I M I S T"

NEW PLAN FOR COUNTY BASKET-BALL TOURNAMENT BEING CONSIDERED

Principals and coaches of Summit county are considering a new plan for conducting the boys' basketball tournament this spring.

If adopted it would mean dividing the sixteen schools into two groups, one playing on possibly the Springfield floor, and the other on Copley's.

The two teams winning in each of these sectional meets will play off the finals on another floor on the following day or week.

The Springfield board of education met with the Copley board last Tuesday night and decided upon a uniform price to charge for their buildings.

Tomorrow night the principals' committee on tournament will make its report at a meeting to be held in the court house.

HIGH HONOR STUDENTS NAMED

Those pupils who made a grade of 90% or better in all subjects being carried, including deportment and effort, are named in this issue of SPRAG.

Seniors to be congratulated are: Marian Markle, Evelyn Tovey and Rhoda Goff.

Juniors: Delores Braucher, Lucille Brown, Genie Cordiner, Elizabeth Mangus and Viola Puishes.

Sophomores: Josephine Miller, Helen Brown, Elizabeth Fields, and Belle Richards.

Freshmen: Ralph McElwain, Helen Miller, Mary Frances Myers, Pauline Mitchell, George Richards, Juanita Thornburg, Bernice Cousins and Rosalys Craig.

Many others were eligible except in one item, which they will try hard to correct for the next report.

CLASS PLAY TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY NIGHT

The senior play, "Be An Optimist", which is to be presented in the high school auditorium this Friday night, promises to be a big success. It is cheerfully dedicated to everyone, everywhere, who is considered a grouch.

The play is a quintessence of nonsense in three acts. The characters are more assorted than the component parts of boarding house hash. They will keep the laugh center in one's medulla working livelier than a cash register in a bargain basement.

Scot L. Ross, principal of Copley high school said, "Be An Optimist" is the most outstanding high school play I have ever seen." It was given at Copley high four years ago, and was a huge success.

The people in the play as you meet them:

Isaac Goldich.....Gene Good
Becky .....Jean Gilblom
Pietro .....Jack Lennox
Jimmie Maynard.....John Kinzel
Mildred Clinton...Virginia Myers
Mike.....Cecil Lutz
Ray Hudson.....William Mowery
Miss Hull.....Lois Bair
Maggie.....Eva Blixt
Ethel Peabody.....Sydney Edington
Spencer.....James Perry
Madam Goopher.....Marian Simpson

The curtain will rise at eight o'clock.

Proceeds of the play will be used to defray senior class expenses and to provide a suitable memorial for the school on graduation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS TONIGHT

Regular monthly meeting of the township board of education will be held tonight. The school financial situation will be discussed among other matters of business.

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EDITORIAL

Wanted: An upper berth in sportsmanship this year by Springfield high school. We are finding the ground floor very cold and desire to move up to the warmer heights. In this frigid zone fur coats are quite out of the question since we find ourselves financially embarrassed-so if we can't get in the torrid zone perhaps the temperate would do.

Sportsmanship is always stressed greatly during basketball season. We are appealing to our patrons as well as our own students to help create better sportsmanship spirit in S.H.S. It is there. It only needs development and if you boost sportsmanship as well as you boost the teams we shall win out. Our sportsmanship is graded by our opponents during the current season upon the following points:

1. Do school officials comply with both the letter and spirit of the rules governing the sport?

2. Has the home school provided reasonable comforts for the visiting team and rooters? Or (if scoring for the home team) have the visitors shown appreciation of comforts provided?

3. Is the team courteous to the oppsoing team and rooters?

4. Does the team show the proper spirit toward the officials?

5. Does the team exhibit clean play?

6. Are the students courteous to the officials?

7. Are the students courteous to the oppsoing team and rooters?

8. Have the students the spirit of fairness?

9. Does the crowd disapprove the rough play on the part of both teams?

10. Does the crowd accept the decisions of the officials with the proper spirit?

Let us do all in our power to eliminate entirely all booing - thoughtless and intential.

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HAROMANO WILL HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Haromano club will hold its annual Christmas party at the home of Marian Simpson on December 13. The social committee will have complete charge of the party.

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SENIOR NEWS

The senior class held its regular meeting Tuesday, December 6, in the activity room. They discussed the in-between acts of the senior play. Jack Kinney was appointed business manager. They decided to decorate the gym for the Tallmadge game.

The senior girls intramural basketball team had a slumber party at the home of Evelyn Valk, December 5. Eight bright and happy girls were there. All the girls had a most enjoyable time.

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JUNIOR NEWS

A slumber party was held by the junior girls basketball team Friday night, December 2, at the home of Evelyn Iden.

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FRESHMEN NEWS

Five freshmen girls succeeded in making the night squad. They are as follows: Vivian Lutz, Della Gough, Lois Johnson, Mary Frances Myers and Ruth Cochran.

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KRUMROY P-T A. HOLDS BENEFIT CARD PARTY

The P.T.A. of Krumroy will hold a benefit card party at the Akron Pure Milk Company building, Thursday evening, December 15. The proceeds will be used for the school.

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HOME BURNS

The home of Grady Price, sophomore, and member of the football and basketball squads, was burned to the ground at Lakeview Sunday night at 9:30.

The occupants of the house were at church and were unable to save anything.

The fire is said to have started from an overheated stove on the second floor.

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NOTICE: The unemployed of Lakemore are sponsoring a minstrel show at the high school auditorium on Wednesday evening, December 21.

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Green Fingerprints

Aserial story by Margaret Shawl

A soft cool wind was blowing. It had a damp feeling. Slim began to revive. He sat up holding his head. He tried to get up a horrible pain darted through his ankle .

Day was begining to dawn. He tried to get up again. He felt along the ground till his hand struck a long, hard object. Instinctively he drew his hand back. Soon he put it out again. It fell on a big stick.

Happily he grasped the stick in his hands. He pulled himself up to a sitting position.

Painfully he stood up. He looked around. The gray duskiness had left, he gasped in horror.

He was in the back yard of the house he was spying on. He felt around the high fence. Soon he came to a small door. He quickly opened it and started out. Just then he happened to look down. A large yawning hole filled with mud and slime greeted his eyes. He stepped back gingerly, lest he slip and fall. He closed the door and lay back against it thinking of the peril he had just escaped.

He felt around a little farther and soon came to another door. He opened it easily. He took a stick and carefully felt the ground before him. It instantly sunk. Quicksand! He closed the door and went on hoping fervently to find one safe door. At last he came to another door.

This opened into the street. He looked up and down. No one was in sight. He broke into a run. He soon came to the boarding house. Up in his room he fell back exhaused.

Soon he fell asleep. He was awakened later by a rap on his door. The landlady was awakening him for his dinner. He jumped up feeling refreshed. Soon he found to his dismay that he could hardly walk. He went back up to his room to devise a plan to capture the gang. He decided that the first necessity was to get a squad to help him.

Springfield Awarded Title

Springfield continues to gain its share of titles not only in football, spelling, oratory, and scholarship, but in a new and more dignified or should we say sophisticated field. We take great pleasure in announcing Springfields new title as "The Aristocratic Relative!"

We have received a great deal of critism from a sister school on our unsportsmanlike conduct for refusing to play our athletes under unnecessary handicap. The largest handicap is not only the conduct, or lack of sportsmanship of that school's athletes or students, but the "gym". It has every reason in this world to be criticized and a "good" team making one appearance on that floor can easily be thrown off its stride and ruined for the entire season.

No other team (to our knowledge) of either county or city schools sends its first team to play in this so called gym. In the newspapers it is referred to as a "cigar box" or a "chicken coop" and is considered a menace to basketball. No I ask you have we been unreasonable?

As a finishing touch we have a quotation from the TELL-E-GRAM. "Don't forget-we have several home games this year, too. You know what our boys can do in their own gym." And How!

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SPRINGFIELD EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Dorothy Briggs is in a dangerous condition due to spinal meningitis. The class voted to send flowers.

A Christmas program will be held in our rooms the 23 of Dec.

Sawyerwood won both games from Lakemore. The Lakemore 7th grade group did well against the superior 8th grade of Sawyerwood.

Roosevelt and Springfield 8th split honors, the girls game being won by Roosevelt, the boys game by Springfield.

The games so far have set a high standard of sportsmanship. High School, here's your Challenge.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 8. Roosevelt at Lakemore
Springfield at Sawyerwood
" 15. Springfield at Lakemore
Sawyerwood at Roosevelt
" 22 Lakemore at Roosevelt
Sawyerwood at Springfield
Jan. 7 Roosevelt at Sawyerwood
Lakemore at Springfield
" 12 Roosevelt at Springfield
Lakemore at Sawyerwood

Notice: All the Springfield eighth grade home games are played on the Lakemore school gym floor.

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SPRINGFIELD BOYS AND GIRLS WIN FROM TALLMADGE

Both girls' and boys' basketball teams won their opening contests last Friday night over Tallmadge. The girls had little trouble in putting away their opponents by a 20 to 11 score although the Tallmadge girls made things very interesting at times with their fine floor and pass work.

The boys looked very good at times in their victory over their first opponents for the season and came out on the right end of a 30-13 score.

Both teams expect to have plenty of opposition when they next play at home as their opponents--Twinsburg--also won both games last week to look like future champs.

Lineups

Springf. Girls	G	F	P	Tallm. Girls	G	F	P
Gilblom	2	1	5	Banks	1	6	8
Markle	4	0	8	Danforth	1	1	3
B.Whims	3	0	6	Daily	0	0	0
Heddleston	0	0	0	Singler	0	0	0
A.Whims	0	0	0	Uhl	0	0	0
Richards	0	0	0	Testerman	0	0	0
Beardshaw	0	1	1	Sackett	0	0	0
Campbell	0	0	0	Johnson	0	0	0
Spatzer	0	0	0				
Totals	9	2	20	Totals	2	7	11

Spr. Boys	G	F	P	Tallm.	G	F	P
Kinney rf	1	0	2	Fenn rf	1	3	5
Lennox lf	3	0	6	Ramey rf	1	1	3
Miller c	2	0	4	Heyl lf	0	0	0
McIntyre rg	2	2	6	Smith lf	0	0	0
Hazle lg	0	0	0	Pitkin g	0	2	2
Cochran rf	1	0	2	Acken lg	1	1	3
Milhoan lf	0	0	0	Rt'fd.	0	0	0
Lutz c	0	0	0		3	7	13
Burley rg	0	0	0				
Manley lg	2	0	4				
Mowery lg	2	0	4				
Morris rf	1	0	2				
Shacleford	0	0	0				
	14	2	30				

Score at half 22-7 Springfield

Referee-- C. Schlemmer

County Scores Friday Dec. 9

Mogadore girls	18	Norton	16
Springfield	20	Tallmadge	11
Macedonia	25	Copley	12
Northfield	23	Solon	13
Twinsburg	31	Bath	7

Boys Games

Norton	22	Mogadore	17
Springfield	30	Tallmadge	13
Macedonia	18	Copley	10

STANDINGS Girls' Intra Murals

Team	W	L	Pct.
Freshman	3	0	1.000
Juniors	2	1	.667
Sophomore	1	2	.333
Senior	0	3	.000

BOYS' GAMES TO DATE

Juniors 8 Seniors 8

Sophomores 26 Freshmen 11

No intra mural games will be played this week on account of the gym being needed for senior play practice and varsity practice.

COUNTY LEAGUE GAMES THIS WEEK

Friday

Bath	at	Richfield
Peninsula	at	Copley
Macedonia	at	Twinsburg
Norton	at	Stow
Hudson	at	Northfield
Clinton	at	Greensburg
Tallmadge, Springfield, open		

Plan to see the championship Twinsburg girls here Friday, Dec. 23.

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NOTED LECTURER VISITS SPRINGFIELD

Mr. Guy Morse Bingham, a lecturer to high school students and teachers, talked to the student body in the auditorium on December 13 at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Bingham is a noted psychologist, a noted lecturer and [illegible] superintendant of schools in Ohio for several years.

His talk was based on one word-ARE. A-for ability; R-for reliability; and E for ego.

"Ability is the power to do; reliability is the power to act; and ego is the power to be", said Mr. Bingham.

"There is no such thing as luck. It should be spelled with a "P"--PLUCK."

He stressed higher education for forming a foundation of one's work in later life.

Mr. Bingham's lecture was one of the most interesting that either teachers or students have heard.

Pupils and teachers alike are getting a big kick out of the new detention halls for offenders and for those awaiting the late busses.

G.G. complained to the editor about the joke in the last issue about his late hours. "Why, ten o'clock has been the rule," he said.

SPRINGFIELD TO BATTLE LAST SEASON'S CHAMPS

A two year dream of Springfield high school girl cagers will be realized when they meet Twinsburg December 23, at our home floor.

Twinsburg has held championship for two years. The girls have waited two years to play Twinsburg and are out to win. The loyal support of S.H.S. boosters will do much towards helping the girls win.

The boys will also be out to win and thus make our evening a complete success.

Everybody come and make it one big event.

Olive Heddleston

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JOKES

Springfield Hi
December 12-'32



We wonder if Mr Myers has succeeded in telling Jean Gilbloom why a cat purrs.

The annual senior squabble was on last Tuesday at their regular class meeting.

Looks of wonderment met a crowd of girls Tuesday morning as they came to school. The looks changed to smiles as they found out that the girls had been at a slumber party for the senior girls B.B.team.

Marion Markle having spent last Sunday at Stony Brook, and having spent the afternoon in a log cabin in which was a big log fire, came to school Monday and said, "You know my hair still smells like smoke"
Virginia Myers:-"You mean your head, dearie, you mean your head!"

Since when does Mr Hadffield get the idea that he can say, "We as parents!"

Virginia Myers wishes to announce that her new name is "Goody-two-shoes" since her accident last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Myers has a debate club he'd sell to the first bidder--high or low. It meets daily in sixth period Am. History class.

Did you notice the "Jooshs" demonstration in the big referee-coach squabble during that famous junior-senior game?

Simmy blushes like a rose
And does not go for beauty
Because he is a teacher
And has to do his duty.

According to Vivian Harvey her new name is Juliet, but to the Romeos her name is ?????????

Mine der Hans:

Vas ve hafing fun or vas ve hafing fun? De oder day der chunior poys and der senior poys has a basketball game. Der two referees couldn't agree about der foul shots und den der chunior coach starts into der argument, undden der senior coach decided to helup out der good cause.

Mr Simmermacher, chunior coach, und Mr Hadfield, referee, did most of der argmenting. Mr Hadfield shook his finger in Mr Simmermacher's face und der Mr Simmermacher did not like dot so vell. So he grabs Mr Hadfield's finger. Den he keeps pointing at Mr Hadfield with three fingers und finally Mr Hadfield gifes in und der chuniors gets two shoots instead uf vun. So dats dat-but ve sure had fun.

Und say Hans, Did choo read der editorial in der Ellet Tell-E-Gram? Or don't you get dot baper? Dey says dot ve iss der "aristocratic relative" of dere's. Vell, ve don't claim no relatifeship mit dem. Dey iss vat you might call peefed because ve don't make our teams play in der dinky chym. Some beoples iss like dot, you know.

Anyvay, ve enjoys der Tell-E-gram, und hopes dey iss der same.

Vill you write me in der next Torch, Hans? I'll be vaiting.

Yours,

Gus

P.S. You better come over und see der Senior play dis Friday night. It should be a goot vun. "Be an Optimist" is der name.

G.

If anyone wants to have a nice black eye, just ask Mary Williams how she got her feet wet.

It looks like that our school is run over with this so called"Jooshs" Did you notice that we have a Gus in school now.