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# STORIES



## Mistaken Identity

By Alice Garlich—Prize Story

**M**ISS MARY Fuller's Boarding School was in a gay turmoil. It was the first day of school, and all was excitement among the girls. Every Freshman was meeting the older girls; those who had been there before were busy hunting up old friends.

At exactly 9 o'clock, the big bell in the hall was set ringing. Each girl turned toward the assembly and every one stopped talking. Miss

Fuller, standing on the stairs, admired them for their obedience. She did not realize that it was only for the first day.

When every girl was seated, Rev. Cargill led them in prayer. After this Miss Fuller made a short speech of welcome and read the rules of the school. Among the many rules, there was one which was constantly broken. This year there was an extra penalty for breaking this rule. It was that no "spreads" or parties might be held after 10:30 P. M.

There was one, Anne Noyes, with whom this story has to deal. Anne had no sisters and had very few intimate friends so she was very excited over spending nine months with such lovely girls. Her roommate was Elizabeth Davis, a young Eastern girl. Betty, as they called her, was a Junior, and Anne was only a Freshman.

Mistakes will be made and nothing can prevent them. Anne was put on the third floor, where all Juniors and Seniors roomed. Of course, these girls knew all the tricks of Boarding School life, so they proceeded to teach Anne the tactics.

Anne learned rapidly, in spite of her defective vision. Her visits to the oculist somewhat dimmed her interest, but this would be for less than a month, she was assured. However, in a month, things may happen that will change the way of the world.

A week after school had started, the girls of the third floor decided to have their first spread. All the girls on the floor were to come to Anne's room, at 11 o'clock. This room was chosen because it was at the opposite end of the hall from the two teachers' rooms. The girls argued that these two teachers would not discover the plan, as Miss Caley was deaf and Miss Dodd generally slept soundly.

At the appointed time, every girl, except Marjorie Vyce, was there. Anne was sent after her. Marjorie's room was just next to Miss Dodd's, and was a single; so precautions must be taken. Just as Anne went down



the hall she met someone, coming her way. Thinking the person to be Marjorie, she turned around and went tip-toeing down the hall.

"I was just coming after you. Here's my door; go in quickly! I heard Miss Caley get out of bed. Frances, you and Lillian get under the bed; you, too, Dorothy. Here, Marj., in the closet, quick!"

Anne and Betty hurriedly put candy, nuts, cake and fruit into the closet, under the bed, and in any corner where there was a crouching figure. Miss Caley stood on the outside and listened for a long while. After a pause, they heard her go down the hall and into her room. Each girl came out of her hiding place with an air of relief. As Anne opened the closet door, who should walk out but Miss Dodd! Every girl stopped as though paralyzed.

Miss Dodd, very much embarrassed, left as soon as possible. The girls thought that she was angry and proceeded to blame the whole thing on Anne.

"What on earth do you think they'll do to us? Mother will nearly die, if I'm expelled," wailed Lillian, in distressed tones.

"Miss Fuller will give us ten demerits in assembly tomorrow. That is the most likely thing; and all on your account, Anne Noyes! Don't worry, Lillian, she can't expel us for just this," answered Frances, hotly.

"I'm going to my room before I get any more demerits. Come on, Mary," came from Helen, as she left the room.

Each girl filed out, leaving Betty and Anne to themselves. Betty hopped into bed, turned her back on Anne, and went to sleep. Anne, feeling sad and homesick, cleaned up the remains of the spread and went to bed. She lay awake for a long time, and finally cried herself to sleep.

The next morning Anne went into assembly by herself. Every girl must know about it by this time, for as she entered each girl looked at another and giggled nervously. Each girl dreaded the disgraceful announcement; but no one dreaded it more than Anne.

At last the girls were dismissed. What had happened? Miss Dodd looked as strict as ever; but could she have forgotten it? It seemed impossible, yet it was the only conclusion to be taken. However, Miss Fuller would probably announce it later.

The next day passed and nothing was mentioned of the episode. A week went by! Every girl began to feel easier. One by one, they began speaking to Anne, until the old friendships were restored.

One day, about two weeks later, Anne asked Miss Dodd about the matter. Much to the girl's surprise, Miss Dodd had had a wonderful time, taking the part of Marjorie. In fact, it so impressed her, that she decided not to report them. She, at least, could understand what little spreads meant to the girls.

However, the girls learned a better lesson than if they had been reported. This year, Anne is president of the Senior Class, and is the most popular girl in the school.



## The Romance of a Candy Factory

By Lucile Ritchie

**H**OW late is the train?"  
"Forty-five minutes."

Forty-five minutes, and not even a newsboy in sight, so Elizabeth proceeded to read all the time tables, notices and rules and regulations tacked up in the depot. Passing the window, she noticed the candy factory across the street, and decided to visit it at once. On making her wishes known there, Mr. Henry, the president, called Mr. Milton to act as guide, for a twenty-minute tour through the factory.

Elizabeth had visited various other candy factories, but never had one been so thoroughly explained, and she got on the train with the feeling that the New Candy Co. must be an exceptionally high-grade concern.

On her next visit to the city, she was accompanied by a very dear friend, Mrs. Clark. As Mrs. Clark had never had the pleasure of inspecting a candy factory, and the train was an hour late this time, she went to the factory again. Mr. Henry was very accommodating, and again called Mr. Milton to act as guide. On the train, going home, both remarked how thoroughly he understands his business.

The next year, Elizabeth was accompanied by her cousin Nell, who was very anxious to see how candy is made, so they visited the factory and Mr. Henry called on Mr. Milton to act as guide. Mr. Milton was exceptionally nice, and told them about taking his girl to "Chanticleer," and was very entertaining, generally. After getting on the train, Nell and Elizabeth compared notes. Elizabeth asked Nell her opinion of the young man, and if she thought he looked like Robert. Nell laughed. She agreed that he was nice looking, had pretty eyes, was very interesting, and proceeded to remark that "if Robert doesn't look out, he is liable to lose his Bess, for Bess Milton would be a real pretty name."

The next three or four visits to the factory, a different guide was called each time, none of whom was very thorough. Bess wondered if Mr. Milton was as careful to explain things to everyone as he was to explain them to her.

During a conversation with the salesman who called at her father's store, one day, Bess asked what had become of the bookkeeper whom they called George. Mr. Max couldn't recall George. When Bess remarked, "He certainly understood his business," Mr. Max said, "O, yes; you mean George Milton. He left over a year ago. Joined the army and went to the Philippines, I believe."

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When the P. C. demonstrators left Kansas City one April morning, the manager decided to let Bess and Mabel demonstrate at Walnut Grove,

while the rest went to Dessa. As neither girl had eaten breakfast, on reaching Walnut Grove a restaurant was the first stop.

A nice looking, dark haired, blue eyed young man asked what he could do for them. The waitress had gone on an errand, so he took their order himself. Bess remarked to Mabel that she had seen him before, but she couldn't think where, as that was her first trip to Walnut Grove. When Bess went to pay the bill, she asked the young man where she had seen him before, as his face was familiar. He replied that he had the same feeling, but couldn't puzzle out where they had met.

Bess said, "Well, where have you lived? Ever been to Springfield or Willow Springs, or Schley or Saint Louis?"

"I used to live in Kirkwood, but I worked in Saint Louis."

"O yes," replied Bess; "you are the boy who used to show me through the candy factory when you were bookkeeper for the New Candy Co."

George called that evening and, needless to say, they spent an enjoyable time recalling former days. The following Sunday he took Bess for a drive to see the sights of Walnut Grove. They compared notes about the "Chanticleer" girl, and his present girl, with whom he was quarreling, while Bess told him of Robert.

After Bess left Walnut Grove, she corresponded with George. George failed to get one of her letters, and Bess supposed he had made up with his girl or else got angry because she sent him a kodak picture of herself with Robert, and she didn't give George another thought.

One day, in October, George sent a letter to Elizabeth's home address. Bess had moved, but the postmaster kindly forwarded it. As she and Robert were planning to be married Thanksgiving Day, Bess didn't answer the letter. However, the wedding was postponed, so Bess decided to write George. What Robert did, is another story. All their plans were changed. In a few months Bess received a letter from George, of which this is a part:

"Did I tell you I purchased that farm? It is all improved except the house which burned down last year. I think I shall wait till fall to build."

The next letter read:

"You asked what kind of house I expect to build. Well, really I haven't decided whether it will be a one-room cabin or a bungalow. If I batch, it won't take but one room, but if I can find a nice, sweet girl, who thinks she would enjoy living on the farm, I'll let her plan the bungalow.

"I have some business which calls me to Saint Louis next month, and shall try to help you celebrate your birthday. I wonder if you won't help me decide what to build? Don't you think you can?"

Cousin Nell is making a new pink dress; Mrs. Clark a lovely gray, and the bungalow is almost completed.

## The Losing and Regaining of a Mind

By Bernice Rosenfield

CAROLINE was one of the brightest girls in Central High School. She was a Junior, and all the members of her class felt confident that she would be their valedictorian. Her teachers were proud to have her in their classes.

One night she had debated with Cicero, jousted with Ivanhoe, and wrestled with algebra equations until her head fairly swam, but it was meaningless to her. She decided to go to bed, and told her mother to awaken her early next morning, so that she might get her lessons. But—oh, horrors! The next morning the family over-slept and for the first time in her high school career, Caroline went to school with her lessons unprepared.

She had history the first period. She went to class feeling a little nervous. Class started, and, luckily, Miss Varner asked Caroline a question she knew.

"Who was the first missionary sent to England?" she asked.

"George Washington," she replied, glad to have escaped so easily.

"Wh-what!" Miss Varner managed to gasp out.

"George Washington!" snapped Caroline.

Miss Varner decided not to ask her any more questions that day, hoping that her brain would be in better working order the next.

When the class was over, she passed to the algebra room. Beside Mr. Thatcher sat a visitor. Caroline knew she would be expected to shine, and she did not know her lesson! Sure enough, Mr. Thatcher put a problem on the board and said, "Miss Caroline, will you please work this?" How easy! She went to the board self-assured.

"If  $x=2$  and  $y=3$ ," she began, "will it take more or less than forty pancakes to reach the tower?"

Mr. Thatcher nearly fell over in his astonishment. The visitor wondered whether she had found a high school or an insane asylum.

"Miss Caroline, will you please repeat your explanation? I did not understand."

"If  $x=2$  and  $y=3$ ," she repeated, slowly and distinctly, "who will be next president of the United States?"

"Caroline, please come with me." Amazed, the girl followed Mr. Thatcher out of the room and into the office. After whispering a few words to Mr. Prunty, Mr. Thatcher left the room. To Mr. Prunty's

inquiry regarding her work, she replied: "Farewell, a long farewell, to all my greatness!"

Nevertheless, when the next bell rang, she insisted upon going to her English class. "Will you read first, Caroline?" asked Miss Garlichs.

She rose and, taking her book in her hand, read, "To go or not to go. That is the question. Whether it is better to go to the party with Charles or stay at home with Jack——"

She got no farther, for she was interrupted by Miss Garlichs' only comment, "What!!!"

She began again, "To go or not——"

"That will do Caroline. Are you feeling well today?"

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## Ghost of Room Six, C. H. S.

By Lois Lynch

**I**N A LARGE, sunny room, of an old farm house, in the autumn of 1966, an old woman sat by a window, smiling reminiscently. At her knee sat a small boy, begging for a story.

"What kind of story shall it be?" she asked.

"Oh, a ghost story, of course," he answered promptly. So the old lady began:

"Fifty years ago, this fall, excitement reigned at Central High School. It was 9:35 o'clock, and the bell clanged terror to the brave hearts of the English class. Miss Kaucher, the teacher, persisted in believing that examinations would do her classes good, and no amount of agonized sighs and pitiful appeals would soften her heart or shake her will.

"Now, her chalk fairly flew over the blackboard, leaving a long line of white after it. My chum jotted down something on her paper; some immediately gave up; some held their heads in a way suggestive of hard thinking; some looked pleased and triumphantly handed in papers. The time was going. Three minutes were left. Then all was over, and they passed on to more misery.

"That night about 12:00, a tall, white thing tramped back and forth through the halls and horrible cries issued forth from it and echoed through the building.

"Next day, students stood in little groups whispering about the strange thing.

"Every year, for forty-nine years, the same thing has happened, and last night it happened for the fiftieth time, and it will happen when you are a student in Central. Then you may see it."

"Say, Grandma, what did you do in that class? Did you smile and hand in your paper?" he asked.

"I, oh, I—I was a part of that ghost," she answered.

## Faculty

ON THE very first floor in Room No. 3, is a truly wonderful place to be; there's funny little drawings all over the walls, and behind a desk so big and tall, a wonderful man with twinkly eyes expounds psychology to you and me. We learn "Apperception," Greek verbs and Latin, but the best of all that we learn, is appreciation of a teacher born, not made. This gentleman, true with the vocabulary astounding, inspires with the worth of the High Ideal. He has faith in all and does recognize each as an individual.

And who is this teacher of teachers, this "poet" of teachers who, year by year, for many, many years, has bestowed upon Central his treasures of mind? Who is he? Why, he is our Mr. Miller.



Who is this lady with the soft white hair? Whose gentle voice do we recall? Who, in quiet tones, explains abstract equations, until we, because of those same unassuming words, learn of the simplicity of all things great? Who has devoted years of work to the good of Central High? Who, by faith to us, has helped our school become what it is today, and who for so many years, has been a favorite teacher, loved by all? None other than Miss Knowles.



There is a little lady with a pleasant smile and winning way, reigning over her kingdom in Room 22. Who is this little lady, so ultra modern and wise, but who, we are proud to say, for all of the modernism, has no special interest in feminism? Who is this who imparts knowledge to many? Who is it whose teaching and friendship make High School a pleasure?—Miss Rhoades.





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### Hallowe'en

What Ho, for Hallowe'en! It comes once a year, on the last day of October, and is usually ushered in by a wonderful blustering of wind. On that day the black and orange decorations become general. The pumpkin flourishes and the doughnuts, cider, apples and corn are brought forth in great abundance. From the "youngsters" playing pranks to the numerous parties and socials, which are always customary, everyone pays homage to the occasion. Let us celebrate the fete day of this time of the year and recall the weird stories of the mysterious "witches" and "brownies" in our midst. God bless this happy time of the year! May each succeeding year hold just as much interest and pleasure on Hallowe'en for the future generation as we are enjoying today.

### Up to the Teams Now

We have heard a great deal recently concerning the new Athletic Association, and about the goal, which was to be 500 members, and we succeeded, did we not? But listen! About the object for which we organized this body, namely, the foot-ball squad, at present. Are all the men on the squad coming out every night in order to give "Old Central" a "crack-erjack" regular team? Is every fellow doing his part as a "cog" in the whole machine? This is of vital importance right now, for every member of the Athletic Association, and they don't want to be disappointed. This fact was brought out to us very clearly about a week or two ago in an assembly meeting. Remember, there is only one more home game on the foot-ball schedule, and we want to finish with a clean slate. Let us all work to that end.

How do you like the new "Forum"? To be sure, there are defects, but aren't its merits all that we said it would be? This is going to be the banner year for Central, and we have started it on its way with the banner Forum. Do you want it to come out again—even better? If so, send in your subscription NOW. We have to enroll 300 subscribers. It's your duty. If you don't believe it, ask our principal. The alumni must subscribe. What man is so unspirited as to refuse? We are going to get your name and let others know who are the true blue, loyal students at Central. Do you wish to be on the dead list?

## Assemblies

ONE THING which argues well for a successful year for Central is the great interest and enthusiasm evinced in the frequent assembly meetings. They are no longer merely an excuse for getting away from recitations, but are a vital part of the school life and are of great moment, to all the students.

School had been going on only three days when the summons came for the first meeting, and great was the joy expressed on all sides. So intense was the interest that everyone was seated and quiet within three minutes after the ringing of the three bells. The meeting was opened with a reading from the Bible by the principal and followed by the Lord's Prayer. Mr. Prunty then told the students some of his ideas and plans for the future. He said that he felt that he was just then meeting the High School and getting acquainted with the students. He stated that the boys had voted to give up hazing the Freshmen, and gave the scholars his motto, which ran something like this: "Be where you're supposed to be, when you're supposed to be, as you're supposed to be." He said if the students would follow that rule he would leave everything to their judgment. The meeting was dismissed with the promise of another assembly, on Friday.

Accordingly, the following Friday the students were again called together, and after the usual opening exercises, were given the privilege of listening to a most enjoyable musical program. Isabel Nelson gave an extremely pleasing vocal solo, while Juanita Bradford rendered a splendid piano solo. Both numbers were well received judging from the fact that the girls were forced to give encores.

The second Wednesday of school witnessed the third auditorium meeting of the year. After the Bible reading there were several songs in which the students responded wonderfully, and then Mr. Prunty spoke to the scholars. He emphasized the fact that study was the primary motive for attending school and that all other purposes must give precedence to that one. After a few announcements the assembly was dismissed.

At the meeting, the next Friday after singing some songs, the students were given the opportunity of hearing their new superintendent, Mr. Mays, for the first time. He spoke of control as a necessary factor in every phase of life. He told of the man driving a car, and how great a requisite control was in his business. He then cited various examples of the great damage wrought by a moment's loss of control on the part of the driver.

Enthusiasm ran high in the meeting on September 27, for then the subject of an Athletic Association, for Central was broached, and splendid talks were given by Mamie Strop and Adolphus Berger. They both urged such an association as productive of a better high school spirit. Miss Strop's speech was even pronounced by a qualified judge as the "best

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# Departments

## Science

**Zoology.**—The first two weeks were devoted to the study of Protozoa, or one-celled animals. The students learned that although Protozoa were very simple in structure, they have their means of locomotion as well as nutritive and reproductive functions. Sponges, more complex than Protozoa on account of their many cells, were studied the last two weeks. In laboratory, a microscopic study was made of *Paramoecium* (a free swimming, one-celled animal) and *Vorticella* (a stalk in form, one-celled animal).

**Botany.**—The work in this subject was devoted to the study of plants as living things, having definite organs with which to carry on their work. The work carried on by plants comes under two great heads: nutrition (the support of their own body) and reproduction. The leaf was given special attention. In laboratory, a study of the lima bean and the corn seed was made, how they germinate and the ecological factors necessary for their germination.

**Physiography.**—The first month was devoted to latitude and longitude and day and night. The life history of rivers was also discussed, together with the relation of the earth's position with other planets; how continents were formed; different classifications of rocks, and the general features of the earth.

**Physics.**—The main points touched on were the metric system, density and air pressure. Among the various revisions of Archimedes Principle this one was stated, "The loss of weight of a body in liquid is equal to the weight of the misplaced liquid." Don't worry, Freshmen and Sophomores, you are not the only ones who show their original brilliancy along such lines.

**Chemistry.**—A great deal of interesting work was accomplished this month, the most practical of which was done in laboratory. Among the various chemical changes which we dealt with were the formation of oxides by burning elements in oxygen, the preparation of oxygen and hydrogen, and the combining of hydrogen with oxygen. The greatest chemical property of oxygen was found to be its readiness to unite with other substances and that of hydrogen, its combustibility. The last thing taken up was the composition of water by weight.

## Commercial

This month's very successful work in the Commercial Department is due to the deep interest each instructor has taken in the pupils. Just recently through the endeavors of Mr. M. B. Wallace, head of the Commercial Department, three sets of law books were procured to be used as reference by the Commercial Law students. These sets included Story Cases in



seven volumes, Bay's book on Supreme Court decisions and Clark's book of reference. They have already rendered valuable assistance to the law students. In these books is given first the hypothetical case and then the Supreme Court decision. Mr. Wallace has arranged to have an attorney speak to the classes in the due course of time.

Mr. Wilcoxson of Emporia, Kansas, a graduate of Gem City Business College, Quincy, Illinois, was elected to the commercial staff not long ago. He succeeds Miss Jane M. Goddard.

Principal C. F. Alt of the Robidoux High School has reported considerable progress made in the penmanship classes under the supervision of M. B. Olinger. This co-subject, which is really a Sophomore requirement, has recently been introduced into the Freshman year.

### Music

If we are to judge all departments of Central by the interest in the music department, we may surely say that C. H. S. is starting the year in a glorious fashion. There has been a boys' Glee Club organized, and an Opera Class of sixty boys and girls. On the first of December, the Opera Class will present "The Mound Builders," by Paul Bliss, and at this time the Glee Club will also appear. These organizations are the most promising that the music department has ever had. We are also joyous over the fact that the School Board has bought 500 song books, for assembly use. This will give everyone a chance to express his happiness and joy at assembly meetings.

### History

That History is becoming a more popular study is shown by the fact that this year's classes in Ancient and Mediaeval History are larger than ever before.

Six members of the faculty are engaged in teaching this subject.

A great interest has been aroused concerning important current topics. To enable the students to have a clearer grasp of these modern problems subscriptions have been made to the Literary Digest and the Independent. Out of one section of one hundred forty, one hundred five have displayed an interest by subscribing. The Senior Civics Class has held a city primary and are making plans for a city campaign. A list of questions has been arranged whereby the teachers of this subject may know what is of special interest to the pupils.

### Mathematics

The new slide rule, the money for which was appropriated by the pupils, has arrived, and is being used by the classes. It is about 10 feet long and 9 inches wide.

The Trigonometry classes are learning to use the transient. They have already found the height of the High School Hill, and the flag pole. They are also expecting to find the height of the sign on the Corby Building.

Mr. Thatcher, a Missouri University graduate, is a new faculty member in the Mathematics Department.



The Algebra III classes are beginning to plot.

Some of the Trigonometry students and Miss Ferguson laid off the foot-ball field, at League Park last week.

There is some talk of organizing a Mathematics club. Only honor students will be entitled to membership.

#### Languages

**I**N SPANISH III this year, there are twelve pupils,—only a dozen, but nevertheless a cozy number. The class is now reading an interesting story called "Fortune," by Escribá. The class of twelve grapple with overwhelming constructions.

There are twenty pupils in Mr. Miller's period five Latin class. They have scanning matches, every day, and I know of one side that has conquered the enemy in every battle.

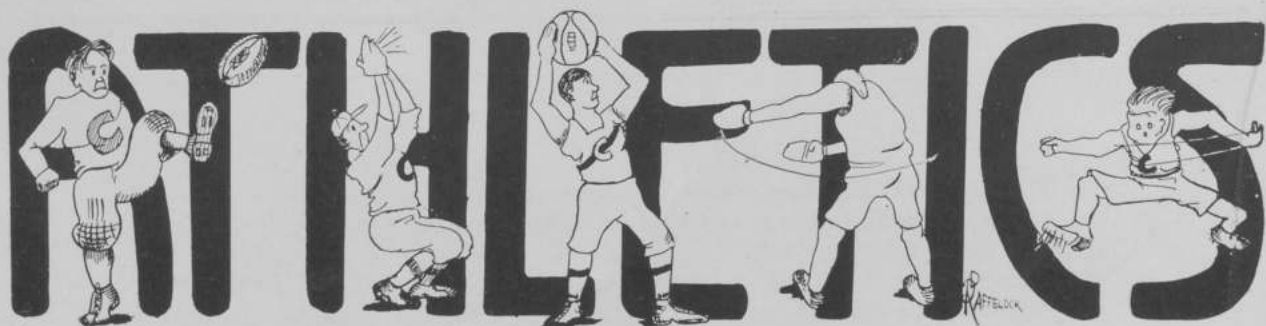
The class of "Vergilites" are progressing rapidly and brilliant recitations are made every day, especially by Brandow, Dolor and their mathematical friend, Belden.

There are seven classes of German this year. Miss Mueller has five classes and Miss Bock has two. There are forty pupils in the latter's. Miss Mueller's students have been reviewing in order to have a strong foundation on which to build their future work. Her more advanced pupils have just finished an interesting story called, "Alle Funf." They intend to take up very soon a more difficult story, "Das Kalte Herz." The monotony of daily recitations and construction work is relieved by telling stories of their childhood, anecdotes and dreams; besides affording pleasure, it enables the pupils to enlarge their vocabularies. Miss Bock's classes have been reviewing mostly, the fundamental principles and constructions of German, so that all might start their term's work on an equal basis.

#### English

The English Department, which has long been one of the most interesting departments of our school, has once more begun its work. The Seniors are in the midst of Burke! They have been floundering hopelessly through the theories of Argumentation, endeavoring to analyze, pigeon-hole and catalogue every thought that enters their confused brains. But that dark evasive bird, "Logical Reasoning," seems to hoot at them in derision, when they attempt to reduce to its atomical form such a proposition as "Proof That the Moon Is Uninhabited." Silas Marner was joyously greeted by the Sophomores as a relief from their rigid work in rhetoric.

On October the eighth a debate was given in Miss Rhoades' English seven class. The proposition was, "Resolved, The American Indian has been treated fairly by the United States Government." The affirmative was upheld by Lenore Gumbert, Lillian Busselle and Marjorie Hansen, and the negative by Jesse Brown, Glen Kincaid and George Brandow. Both sides showed a remarkable knowledge of the subject. The negative won, Jesse Brown receiving best speech and Lillian Busselle honorable mention. The same subject was debated in a later class, the negative again winning. Louise Lacy received best speech, and Eileen James honorable mention.



**S**EPTEMBER 13th (lucky number) ushered in a pleasing spirit of goodwill and interest, and it seems a fortunate omen for Athletics, especially.

A short time before the auspicious date, out on the sand lot just south of the building, some fellows weighing from 140 upwards to Grauer, could be seen going through some foolish movements, but by the time Coach Moyer arrived on the scene, Capt. "Bud" Myers had these fellows knowing the difference between an ivory dome and a pikskin. The minute the coach came back, the fellows flocked out to practice till there was almost enough material for two teams. After much drilling and grinding, a fairly respectable team presents a battle array to Savannah from the North. Except for a few bruises the team emerged from the fracas strengthened in spirit, knowledge and football. O, yes, I forgot to say, we beat them 34 to 6.

The following week was one of dull grinding and much work for the players and much improvement was noted day by day. But—Presto, change! Old man "Books," after a hard tussle, puts the shoulders of our most staunch athletes to the mat and they are kept out of football from the injuries received. But by emergency methods used by the faculty, most of our warriors were resurrected and the fellows enter into a contest with unknown quantity, Horton.

The contest by quarters was as follows: Horton toed the pigskin to Central, accompanied by loud cheering from side lines. Here's coming the solving of the great puzzle by Lange, the great arithmetician. In a few minutes, the infant wonder broke through Horton and ran sixty yards, to Horton's goal for a touch down. Of course Central kicked goal. After much seesawing around back and forth, the quarter ended. Score: Central, 7; Horton, 0.

Second quarter: After teasing Horton for a few minutes, "Squire" Sellars, tripping through forty yards of the dewy sod, gained six more points for Central, and another credit was scored, when Central kicked a hole in the cross-bars. When Central kicked again, Willis, one of Horton's "wonders," ran the ball to the thirty-yard line. Then they tried a forward pass, which was successful because our little brown-eyed Packwood intercepted it, and by his run netted Central a half dozen points. Central never misses a goal.  $3 \times 7 = 21$ . Horton kicked the ball to Central and by a succession of plays, Central worked the ball to Horton's twenty-yard line. Symon and Lloyd pulled off a clever trick, and so by a keen little forward pass C. H. S. gets some more 7 points, the goal being kicked, to be sure. The half ended in a storm of cheering. Score 28 to 0.

Between halves, led by a cute little child in white and blue, the loyal supporters of Central entertained the spectators with a snake dance, ending up by encircling Prin. M. C. Prunty and Mr. Mays and the team and giving some of our new yells.

The last half opened by a curtain raiser by Slater, and was brought back to the fifty-yard line after a few Central fumbles. Miss Horton got the ball and gained twenty-five yards on a "peachy" forward pass, but they spoiled it all on the next play, fumbling the ball, which "Shirley" picked up and ran 70 yards for a touchdown. The poor boy was so frightened by this unheard-of feat that he helped "Dolly" Hicks give fifteen rahs for Sitton. As I said before, Symon never fails to kick a goal. Then the whistle blew and Central and Horton adjourned for refreshments of water and league park grass.

Last quarter (broke). In this quarter the second accident of the game occurred. Capt. Myers, getting his eye pinked in the first quarter, and Harris, Horton's left quarter, tore a ligament. Later, Cash, in M. V. I. form, sprinted sixty yards, nor did Symons fail to kick goal. Cash again gets a halo by intercepting a forward pass and running 35 yards for a touchdown. Symons kicks the seventh straight goal for Central. Final score: 49 to 0.

The artillery opened in this formation:

Horton.	Position.	C. H. S.
H. Smith.....	Right End .....	Lange
Madden .....	Right Guard .....	Grauer
Christner .....	Right Tackle .....	Ennis
Friend .....	Center .....	McGill
Robertson .....	Left Tackle .....	Slater
Weber .....	Left Guard .....	Sitton
Willis .....	Left End .....	Light
Geyer .....	Quarter Back .....	Symons
Lading .....	Full Back .....	Cash
Harris (i) .....	Left Half Back.....	Sellers
Crawford .....	Right Half Back.....	Meyers (i)

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Sellers and Cash



"Our Dummy"



Hold that line!

## SCHOOL SPIRIT COMES WITH NEW PRINCIPAL

### STUDENTS AT CENTRAL HIGH PUT THE SCHOOL BACK ON SCHOOL SPIRIT MAP

### M. C. PRUNTY IS WELL LIKED

### New Principal Starts All Activities at Full Speed and Inaugurates New Ones—Will Add Jour- nalism Next Year.

That Central High School is back on the school spirit map, is an established fact. With the coming of Merle C. Prunty, the new principal of the school, all the latent and undeveloped spirit of Central sprang into vivacious life. At Auditorium meetings, in the halls and on the athletic field this new spirit is manifest. It has taken the form of renewed activity in all school endeavors: orchestra, literary societies, athletics and The Forum. It has given birth to a band, an athletic association and new ideals.

Early in the term Mr. Prunty was confronted with the insidious spectacle of the initiation of "subs." As the principal said to a reporter for The Central News, this practice was against his principles. He met the occasion, however, and offered as an indemnity for the freshmen to the upper classmen, two auditorium meetings a week.

Older students at the school say that there is an entirely new atmosphere. Enthusiasm and energy abound everywhere, they say. Some of the teachers who have long been on the Central faculty say that school spirit is higher than it has ever been.

#### Mr. Mays for Art Course

Mr. Prunty was instrumental in securing the art course for Central, which was also greatly favored by Vernon G. Mays, superintendent of the public schools. "I have often felt the need of a training in art appreciation," Mr. Mays said, "when I have seen some famous paintings, but knew not why they were great." Mr. Mays is a man with modern ideas and is anxious to better school conditions.

While he is ready to work incessantly upon any project started, Mr. Prunty is cautious about starting new projects that are not fully worked out. In addition to the new subjects this year, a course in journalism will probably be added next fall. The principal feels that this is a study desired by many, and will fill a long needed want at Central.

The principal is very popular at Central and is liked by teachers as well as students. He has already been invited to many social functions given by the societies. He is as interested in athletics as in educational work and intends to and does promote both.

While he is anxious to see new societies and activities develop at the school, he is not willing to force them on the stu-

dents. "I believe the class ought to have some societies," Mr. Prunty said in speaking of the junior college, "but if the students aren't interested, I am not going to push the matter." When a body of college students asked the principal's permission to form a science club, he readily acquiesced.

#### More Yet to Come

Most students believe that Mr. Prunty has shown but his hands, and do not try to surmise what is "up his sleeves," but they feel whatever it is, a pleasant surprise awaits them. The students realize that the principal is for real action and continued work, and most of them started at the shot of the gun, and are still going at a winning pace.

Mr. Prunty is anxious to get all the classes organized. For the first time in several years, the principal called the meeting of the senior class. While nothing definite is worked out by the classes, they are all optimistic about the success that they plan to be theirs.

Mr. Prunty succeeded Frank C. Touton as principal of Central High School this September. When appointed by the school board in June, he asked to be permitted to finish his studies next summer, that he was prepared to do this summer, and was granted his request.

He assumed his duties at Central July 15, after moving to St. Joseph from Winfield, Kan., where he was principal of the high school. He and his family reside at 2802 Penn street. Mr. Touton resigned last spring to complete his studies at New York City. He and his family left this summer for that city.

A reporter for The Central News was present at the school board meeting when Mr. Prunty was chosen as principal. After the members read several complimentary references, Mr. Prunty was unanimously and without any discussion chosen as principal for Central. It was midnight when the vote was taken. Mr. Prunty was telephoned for and he said he would be right down. He had remained awake to hear what would be the conclusion of the board.

Many of the members of the board and the reporter included had never seen Mr. Prunty. Several minutes after being called, Mr. Prunty arrived at the meeting, which had by then adjourned.

#### A First View of the Principal

The reporter had been anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new principal and was rather surprised to see the tall, good natured gentleman arrive. However, when he shook his hand and saw him smile, his surprise was a happy surprise.

Mr. Prunty seemed somewhat dazzled when he first came into the room, but smiled cheerfully, nevertheless. He shook hands with the board.

"Gentlemen—I—" he stammered, "I am sure this is a pleasure. I believe we shall get along fine."

The reporter returned with the new principal to Hotel Robidoux to secure a picture of Mr. Prunty. The reporter asked the new principal what he thought of the long school day, and was told that he rather favored it. When asked if he planned any innovations, he said that he would become acquainted with the school and teachers first.

They soon arrived at the hotel and the reporter was given the picture. Mr.



Prunty told the reporter that the picture was the only one he had, and was positive in his demand that it be returned. When the reporter reassured him on this score, Mr. Prunty carefully wrapped it up and told him to take it along.

The next time the reporter saw Mr. Prunty was when the latter had driven his car, an Oakland, upon the sidewalk in front of the Public Library Building.

#### New Principal is Popular

Mr. Prunty has impressed all that have met him with a delightful personality. He is energetic and as anxious to work as he is to have others work. He is not an enthusiast on one subject, but is interested in everything that will benefit the school. The new principal is positive in his demands; when he decides a thing should be done, he feels it is his business to do it. Mr. Prunty is a man of high ideals. He believes in the rights of all individuals and in the building up of character. His motto: "Be where you ought to be, as you ought to be, when you ought to be" is inclusive, and a real standard for the school to follow.

### COLLEGE ELECTS OFFICERS

#### Second Year Class to Have Graduation Exercises in Spring—Will Publish Class Book.

The second term class of the junior college met in room 12, Oct. 27, and organized under the direction of Miss Calla Varner. Officers were elected and plans were made for the ensuing year. Francis McGrath was practically unanimously elected president. Other officers are: Alma Dehler, vice-president; Bonnie Cottrell, secretary; William Colt, secretary; David Raffelock, chairman, Dorothy Farthing and Beulah Barnes, executive committee.

#### Juniors Elect Wyeth

Francis Wyeth, a member of the Alpha Nu Pi Society, was elected president of the junior class at the class election Oct. 17.



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## AT THE THEATRES

### TOOTLE

The Dubinsky Stock Co., which is playing permanently at the Tootle Theater, won a place in the hearts of some twenty dramatic students when Ed Dubinsky invited the class behind the scenes to see "Alias Jimmy Valentine."

### CRYSTAL

The Crystal Theater is offering "big city" vaudeville this year and is playing, as perhaps few people are aware, the regular Orpheum circuit attractions. The Crystal has been redecorated this year and with the new high-quality bills, should prove a very popular theater.

### ORPHEUM

At the Orpheum Theater during the fall and winter season, there will be presented some extraordinary photoplays, which will have a limited number of showings each day, with greatly augmented orchestra and special pipe organ programs by Professor Frederick Rowley. Some of the most notable of these features will be Geraldine Farrar, in "Joan of Arc," a Lasky photoplay of twelve reels, greater than "the Birth of a Nation." Mary Pickford will appear on November 8, 9, 10 and 11 in an eight-reel production adapted from Laurence Hope's poem, "Les Than the Dust," easily her masterpiece. Marguerite Clark, in "Miss George Washington" is to be at the Orpheum the first week in November. Clara Kimball Young in Robert Chambers' "The Common Law" is announced as coming the third week of the same month. Fannie Ward in "Witchcraft," as made by the Lasky company from a prize Columbia University scenario, is said to be one of the most artistic films of the present year. Other plays coming soon are "The Ragged Princess," with June Caprice and a return of Lou Tellegen in "The Victory of Conscience."

### Junior College Wins It

The junior college football team defeated Central's second team, at League Park, Oct. 13, 7 to 0.

## DRAMA PROMISING NEW BAND SCORES

### THE NEW PLAN MADE AND TAUGHT BY MISS SHEETS PLEASES

**Class Is Industrious and Learning Rapidly —Will Mean a High Standard of Dramatics at Central High School.**

The advanced class in dramatics, comprising sixteen students, both girls and boys, which meets the fifth period in room X, has accomplished a great deal during the last month. The class is composed of some of the best talent in the school and is earnest and enthusiastic to do something worth while. Miss Roberta Sheets, instructor, is co-operating with the class and endeavoring to promote in every possible way dramatics and appreciation of the drama in Central High School. The course is interesting and constructive towards a higher standard of dramatics in the school.

The class is following a delightful plan designed by Miss Sheets. Beginning with the pantomime, the simplest form of drama, the class is developing, step by step, the artistic stage and producing of the drama. George Trapp in the pantomime of the silent, though painful, extraction of an aching tooth, and Miss Isabelle Nelson, in a demonstration of the occupation to which she should devote the remainder of her life, are very clever.

### Robert Journayvez Is Funny

Several days were spent in the presentation of the monologue. Robert Journayvez has mastered this form and humorously impersonates a coquettish young maiden receiving a proposal by telephone. Passing from the monologue, the class has made a careful study of the dialogue, one person interpreting both characters. The next steps in the work are the dialogue, enacted by two individuals; the single scene and culminating in a well rounded, highly developed dramatic production. Special attention and study will be devoted to appropriate and artistic costuming and stage setting and to strong character interpretation.

The classroom at the beginning of the period represents a beauty parlor, as all of the pupils are found in a correct position, with a mirror daintily poised before each face. But the scene is a delusion, for soon an inhospitable sight transforms. Sixteen tongues are thrust out, then drawn into the mouth again and conducted through numerous other facial exercises. Miss Sheets says this practice will result in strong, flexible and well controlled tongues for speaking purposes. Much time is devoted to breath control and pleasing voice quality.

### ERB HIT BY BASEBALL BAT

**While Watching Game He Is Hit When Bat Slips from Sitton's Hands.**

Charley Erb, 2009 Dewey avenue, a student at Central High School, was struck in the face below the right eye, Friday, Oct. 6, at 5 o'clock, when Delmar Sitton let slip his bat after striking at an indoor baseball. Erb was watching the game on the lot south of the high school. He was knocked down by the blow. He was carried into the basement of Everett School by some of the players and attended. They then took him home. Erb was not badly hurt.

### CENTRAL'S BAND SHOWS UP WELL IN CONCERT

**Other Lines of Music Progressing—Boys' Glee Club Scores—Orchestra Under Most Favorable Conditions in Years.**

A feature at Central High School this year is the band, comprising fifteen pieces, which was organized at the beginning of the school term. Mr. C. Prunty, principal of Central, early in the term, asked the pupils if they desired a band. The response was hearty and a band was immediately organized under the leadership of W. C. Maupin.

The members in the band are working industriously. Their success was illustrated by the extended applause by the school when several selections were played at the auditorium meeting, Oct. 27.

Mr. Maupin said concerning the band: "We are progressing nicely, but want 30 or 35 members. We need players for the following instruments: Clarinets, flute, piccolo, saxophones, altos, trombones, baritone and basses, oboe and bassoon."

"There are many good times in store for the boys who go into the band and learn to play, not only in high school, but in the university, musicians are always in demand and often have the privilege of taking trips with the band and seeing the great games."

### Orchestra Starts Favorably

Asked about the orchestra, Mr. Maupin said: "The orchestra is starting out this year under more favorable circumstances than ever before. We now have twenty-three members, and still growing. We expect to be able to put on some classy concerts before long."

The orchestra has accompanied the school in singing several times. When selections were given the orchestra has been forced to respond to many encores.

An unparalleled success has followed the endeavors of the glee clubs. The school feels that they are an attribute to Central. One of the most pleasing attractions at an assembly meeting this month was the school songs sung by the boys' glee club.

### SCOTT IS PRESIDENT

**Seniors Elect Officers, Using Real Poll System.**

Freeman Scott, nineteen years old, a member of the Ciceronian Society, was elected president of the Senior class Tuesday, Oct. 11, by a large majority.

When Mr. Scott was interviewed by a reporter for The News he said:

"I feel that the honor is greatly out of proportion to my capability. But the honor of any position is just what you make it. My policy shall be the policy of the senior class. I shall at all times endeavor to do the wish of the class at large. I feel that I am duty bound to them, as it was the class that elected me."

Other officers are: Mamie Strop, vice-president; Oliver Goerman, secretary; Robert Journayvez, treasurer; Louise Lacy and Mildred Marr, senators; Taney Beaumont, Elizabeth Brown, Roberta Chambers, Walter Hillyard and Marion Schmidt, executive committee and Anna Fairfield, Forum reporter.



# The Junior College Page

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, the second year Junior College students organized. On Friday, 2:30 P. M., we all met at the end of the Frederick avenue line for a hike. Within an hour, we were beyond the One Hundred and Two River.

Our scouts found a wonderful place for a fire and Miss Ferguson displayed her usual talent in building one, for within four and one-half minutes, we were warming ourselves by a roaring blaze. In five minutes more weenies were in the air and none ever tasted better.

After the weenies were put away, we toasted marshmallows and then some more marshmallows.

When we could gormandize no longer, and while the glowing embers were still giving off their warmth, we all huddled together and sang. Later, the muses spoke to various members and ghost stories were forthcoming.

We had such a glorious time that we were loathe to leave, but return home we must. We arrived at the car line at midnight. Miss Ferguson and Miss Varner were pleasing chaperons.

## Athletics

While the outlook for a football team was decidedly gloomy, nevertheless, by the ceaseless energy of several members, a football squad was organized and a game was scheduled with Central's second team. The Junior College team is made up of both first and second term students. While most of the members are somewhat inexperienced, some are "star" football men. Bill Colt was the shining light of Central's '15 team; Norman Schwien and Marvin Hillyard were prominent on the '16 team. While David Raffelock had not played with the high school team, he has had some experience. John Olson and Origne Gabbert have also played. Other members of the team are: George McNinch, Charley Liberman, Guy Walsh, Leo Brown and Walter Pinger.

## An Unexpected Pleasure

Having visited the Home for the Aged and the Home for Little Wanderers, the boys of the sociology class separated from the party and went home. Going down Main street they passed by the National Biscuit Company.

One of the fellows suggested that they buy some candy, but when an attempt was made to purchase some sweets they were informed that no candy was sold retail. Preparing gloomily to leave, the boys were pleasantly asked if they would like to go through the factory and at the conclusion of their inspection to receive a box of candy. Enough said.

## Athletics

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Substitutes: Packwood for Meyers, Barrows for Grauer, Burkart for Symon, McCord for Light, Smith for Lange, Koch for McGill, Spofford for Barrows. Horton: Lewis for Christner, Christner for Harris, Lonberg for Smith.

Referee "Bud" Saunders of M. S. U. Umpire—Lonberg, K. S. U. Linesmen—Long of Horton and Humphrey of St. Joseph. Head linesman, Newcomb of William Jewell.

The improved showing of St. Joseph in this game goes to show that Central is a ready contestant for the valley honors of 1916.

**The Gist and Jest of Central**

Mr. Prunty is an old-timer at football and evinces much enthusiasm in a blue cap and a loud voice at each game.

Mr. Mays is another live wire in athletic line and is a favorite of the players.

Grauer has sure stuffed up on the beans and spuds this year. The fiercer he gets in football, the more angelic his facial expression becomes. His weight and brains are a help to Central's line.

Cash's showing thus far is great, as this is his first year of football at Central.

Squire is sure getting to be a greater, headier, and more even-tempered back-fielder than ever and is sure of a place on the High School all valley eleven.

And say, boys! Did you ever notice Light's speed? No? Neither did we; he's too fast!

And then the one old man of the team whose playing is keeping Central High at the front is "Shirley." He was sure comical when he made that touch-down in the Horton game.

Now, here's pluck for you, Capt. Bud with a serious case of blood-poisoning played against Savannah and again he played in the Horton game. However, his eye seems to be healing rapidly. To Bud and the coach, and to the Athletic Association belong the honor of making our team the contender that it is.

There is a new factor in school spirit at Central. The Athletic Association, with but little boosting, rapidly reached the enormous figures of 600. The officers of this new association are M. C. Prunty, president; Elliot Belden, vice-president; Cora Connett, secretary; assistant business manager and publicity agent, Erwin McEwen; cheer leaders, "Dolly" Hicks and "T. J." Beaumont. All those that don't belong to this organization may do so for one dollar, which also entitles you to a ticket for one foot-fall, five basket ball and one class track meet.

Michael: "How much is thim plums?"

Grocer: "Ten cents a peck."

Michael: "Shure, phwat d'yez think Oi am? A burrrd?"—Ex.



# Exchanges.



**I**N OPENING the new year, which we trust will be a very successful one, the Exchange Department wishes to greet the readers of the Forum, and especially the Exchange Editors of the papers on our exchange list. We might say here, for the benefit of our readers, that we start the year with an exchange list of fifty-five weeklies, and monthlies, coming from points in the United States, ranging from Maine to New Mexico, and from Oregon to Florida.

The purpose of the Exchange Department is to interchange papers with other schools, and by giving and receiving criticisms and suggestions to gain a mutual benefit. We shall consider any criticism, given in the right spirit, whether favorable or unfavorable, a service to us. We shall endeavor to help others in the same way. The benefit of this mutual aid cannot be over-estimated. We believe that many of the improvements, that the Forum has made in the past, and many that it contemplates for the future, are directly traceable to the inspiration derived from other papers, through the Exchange Department.

Therefore, we welcome all the old exchanges, and will be glad to receive any new ones.

We have, as yet, only one of this year's monthlies. We have, however, several of last year's monthlies, and also some of this year's weeklies.

## **The Drury Mirror, Springfield, Missouri.**

Yours is the only monthly that we have received so far. You must have gone to work very quickly. Your paper seems to be an excellent news imparter. It would, however, be very much improved by a few stories and jokes. We believe that a paper should be more than a news imparter. It should be an entertainer. Your write-ups are very neat. Come again.

## **The Early Trainer, Lawrence, Massachusetts.**

A very neat paper. We like your idea of the table of contents. You have a good motto. The absence of advertisements makes the paper look very much neater. Come again this year.

## **The Oracle, Bangor, Maine.**

We like your paper very much. You have a very good literary section. Your terse sayings are very apt to your name. Your cut for exchanges is especially up-to-date. Come again this year.

**The Daleville Leader, Daleville, Virginia.**

A very neat paper, but seriously in need of cuts or cartoons. You have some good debaters, if the speeches you published are a sample. Come again this year.

**The World, St. Paul, Minnesota.**

You have the best paper we have seen this year, thus far. Both your cover design and frontispiece are to be highly commended for their art and beauty. Besides these, you have several more good cuts. It is a relief and a pleasure to find a paper with plenty of cuts. Your photographer is to be commended especially on the pictures of athletes in action. Your cartoons are good. You have a fine alumni department. Be sure not to forget us this year.

**The Lincolnite, Lincoln, Nebraska.**

We were agreeably surprised to find in the Forum exchange box, the Lincolnite, the annual of Lincoln High School for 1916. We think your white cover with gold lettering is beautiful, but are afraid it will soil too easily. We like your plan of a separate cut for each teacher. We like your calendar. You have an especially good art editor. On the whole, it is very well set up, and we believe it will fulfill its purpose of bringing back pleasant memories.

While we do not put out a weekly, we are glad to have as many of them as possible on our exchange list. We wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following, and hope they will continue to come:

**The Yale Alumni, New Haven, Connecticut.**—Yours is a thorough and interesting paper. Your editors must do some hard work to get it out weekly.

**The Midland, Atchison, Kansas.**—A good paper.

**William Jewel Student, Liberty, Missouri.**—You make good your boast, "The best College paper in the West."

**The Central Collegian, Fayette, Missouri.**—Your first two pages are good. After that you have too many ads.

**Southwest Standard, Springfield, Missouri.**—A fine paper, and a live wire.

**The Manualite, Kansas City, Missouri.**—A good paper. You got to work soon. That shows pep.

**Westport Crier, Kansas City, Missouri.**—We liked your rooter's page. It shows school spirit.

**Exchange Jokes.**

"What is the scraping noise out in front?"

"Must be the chorus filing off the stage."

"Which one of the parables do you like best, Johnny?" asked the minister.

"The one where somebody loafs and fishes," he replied.



# Societies.



## ALPHA NU PI

Forum Reporter ..... Louis Cobaugh

Alpha Nu Pi made an auspicious start on the year of 1916-17, which promises to be one of the most successful in the existence of the society. It has welcomed into its membership Templeton Brown, Charles Burkart, Harper Lindsay, Donald Lindsay, George Polk, Marvin Rapp, and Roland Stuebner. The society is well represented in all school activities, including the Athletic field. There is also some excellent material for a debating team in our membership and the prospects are bright for the extemporaneous speaking contest, as has been shown in the recent programs. Several enjoyable social affairs have already been given, and many more are planned for the future. The annual hay-ride was given the night of October the sixth, last, and as usual was a huge success, there being twenty-five couples present besides Miss Sheets and Miss Edith Mary Garlich's, the chaperons.



## CLIO

Forum Reporter ..... Helen Bernard

Another year has started very successfully for the Clios under the able direction of Miss Neely. The officers who have been chosen to guide us through the ensuing term are Mamie Strop, president; Louise Lacy, vice-president; Marion Schmitz, secretary; Henrietta Stewart, treasurer, and Helen Bernard, Forum reporter. The executive committee consists of Cora Connett, Melba Hawkins, Elizabeth Brown, Roberta Chambers and Helen Werner. The new members who have come to share Clio with us are Alice Garlich's, Helen Randolph, Jessie Lee Meyers, Jeanette Kneer, Helen Werner, Leah Spratt and Katherine Ardery. In order to make our programs as interesting and beneficial as possible, we have decided to study modern novels, plays and pictures. One very entertaining program, led by Jeanne White and her assistants, has already been given. But not all of our time has been devoted to business and study. One of our scheduled social events has already taken place, the hay ride for our new members.





## DOLAD NUN

Forum Reporter .....Herbert Binswanger

The first meeting of the season of 1916-17 of the Dolad Nun Literary Society was held in Room 10, Friday, September the 15th. The meeting was entirely taken up with the election of the officers for the present season. The result of the election is as follows: Louis Fine, president; Nathan Goldman, vice-president; Henry Kaufman, secretary; Charles Mund, treasurer; Adolphus Berger and Nathan Goldman, senators.

The following Friday, the work for the present season commenced in earnest. The meeting was taken up with some very interesting extemporaneous speeches. The ones taking part were Ben Liebling, Henry Kaufman, Charles Mund and Adolphus Berger. A prepared talk was given by Julius Raffelock on "Political Parties."

No meeting was held on Friday, Sept. the 29th.

The program on Friday, Oct. 6, 1916, was a discussion of the Presidential campaign. Nathan Fine gave a very plausible political forecast. Herbert Binswanger spoke on the coming election. Harry Fine talked on the possibility of Mr. Wilson's re-election. The program was concluded by a very humorous talk by Adolphus Berger. The following new members were voted into the Society: Leo Hellwitz, Herman Kaplan, Philip Katz, Emanuel Resnick, Louis Raymen.



## DIANTHIAN

Forum Reporter .....Helen Marechal

The Dianthian meetings on September 16th and September 23rd were devoted to the business of the society. Much enthusiasm for this year's work was shown. The officers for this year are: President, Mildred Crawford; vice-president, Eva Byron; secretary, Mildred Kaucher; assistant secretary, Mary Houck, treasurer, Isabel Nelson, and Helen Marechal, Forum reporter. At the meeting on September 30th, we were glad to welcome into the society, as new members, Emma Nelson, Carolina Rock, Ruth Bell, Esther Hund, Gretchen Kintner, and Gertrude Bigham. Plans were discussed for the hay ride to be given for the new members. It was decided at the meeting on October 6th to have miscellaneous programs for the following year.

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# ORPHEUM

St. Joseph's Leading Photoplay Theatre

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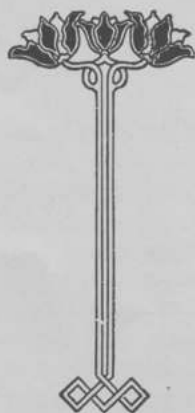
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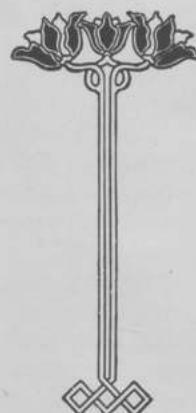
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## Societies

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## CICERONIAN

Forum Reporter .....Robert Bell

The Ciceronians have made a fine start in their work this fall. They hope to accomplish many things this year. Their work so far has been debating and public speaking. Among the political questions which were discussed was a debate on the "Adamson Bill," a discussion of the coming "Presidential Election" and a talk on the "Proposed Purchase of the Danish West Indies." Other interesting subjects, such as "Be Prepared," "Have We Made and Are We Making the Most of Our Opportunities?" and "Interesting Happenings Throughout the Country." Allison Cash, Ursus Gabbert, Dudley Jessup and Watson Guile have recently been given membership in the society. A fine hike to the One Hundred and Two River was given for them. On the night of October the sixth, they had an Orpheum party.



## AGATHIA

Forum Reporter .....Jean Barnett

The first meeting of the Agathia Society was held September 15, for the term 1916-17. The officers are as follows: Mildred Marr, president; Mildred Kennedy, vice-president; Gladys Christiansen, recording secretary; Anna Fairfield, treasurer; Florence Boden, corresponding secretary; Florence Bulmer and Anna Fairfield, senators; Florence Bulmer, Marguerite Lemser, Frances Swank, Pearl Moser and Tina Mehrtens, executive committee. A short business meeting was held. September 22, a short business meeting was held, several new members being voted in. September 29, the following new members were welcomed: Leota Kessler, Dora Gallup, Elizabeth Allen, Genevieve Malone, Esther Way, Mary Wells, Adeline Johnson, Carolin Tull and Thelma Petree. A study of the drama will be made this year. October 6, a business meeting was held and a hike was planned for the new members.

## PHILOMATHIAN

Forum Reporter .....Elizabeth Sell

The Philomathian Literary Society is progressing rapidly under the direction of Miss Bock and Miss Porter. The new officers are as follows:

Bessie Alverson, president; Helen Debendo, vice-president; Frances Burke, secretary; Gertrude Allen, treasurer; Ethel Walters, critic; Ogretta Jones, sergeant-at-arms. The different standard magazines are being studied. The programs include music and expression. The names of new members were considered and a hay ride is being planned for them.



### ARISTOTELIAN

Forum Reporter ..... Walter Bertrand

The Aristotelian society lost no time in organizing for the coming year. Although not much literary work as yet has been done, most of the time being given to business and organizing, we hope to accomplish a lot.

The first meeting of the society, September tenth, was given to the election of officers and getting started in general. The officers elected were: Harold Watkins, president; Lee Norris, vice-president; Earl Whitsell, secretary; Herbert McAhan treasurer; Van Murchie, senator.

The following week, a heated discussion was given between Whitsell and McAhan. On September twenty-seventh a business meeting was held to plan a hay ride. The next Friday, a debate: Resolved, The bill boards should be abolished was affirmed by Norris and Curtis, but they were defeated by Bertrand and Smith on the negative.

Friday night, October sixth, a very successful hay ride was given by the members of the society and girl friends of the boys were guests of the occasion. The crowd went to Saxton, where a wienie roast was held.



### ALEPH LAMAD

Forum Reporter ..... Hannah Abramson

The four meetings held by the Aleph Lamad Society this month were devoted chiefly to business. Officers were elected for the term as follows: Sadie Siegel, Pres.; Miriam Gumbiner, Vice-Pres.; Esther Siegel, Recording Sec.; Ruth Levin, Corresponding Sec., and Dorothy Ungerman, Treas.

The society welcomed its new members by a most interesting and delightful program held in the auditorium. A clever recitation was given by Ruth Levin, a reading from one of the operas by Lillian Goldflam and Pauline Rositzky played a piano solo, accompanied by the victrola. As a closing number, several records of Hawaiian music were rendered very beautifully on the victrola.

# ROBIDOUX HIGH SCHOOL NOTES



**R**OBIDOUX High School has taken on renewed vigor this year and promises to be a real, live institution. No longer are fond regrets declared because the student must go to the annex; no longer does he begrudge the time spent at "purgatory." Robidoux High School is not just an annex—it is a real high school. Any one of the students or teachers will tell you that. Don't take my word for it, either. Here is what the figures show: There are 338 students at the school, the largest number ever enrolled; 293 are just from the grammar schools; every room in the building but two are used for the high school, and there are eight literary societies chock full of originality. Their programs rival Central's.

Of course, what is already said is going some, but that isn't all. An orchestra, recruited from last year's splendid grammar school orchestra, and comprising twenty-five pieces, furnishes real harmony. The boys have already begun basketball practice and will soon stage some inter-society games. These activities are not for the few, for statistics show that but a very small per cent are not actively engaged in some school pursuit. The girls' societies have planned some new, delightful social affairs.

Following will be found a list of the societies and their officers:

## Aglaia Literary Society

Dorothea Berg	President
Mildred McAhan	Vice-President
Lois Maupin	Secretary
Ada Neudorff	Treasurer
Elizabeth Nichols	Reporter
Miss Welty	Directress

## Excelsior Society

Elisha Poe	President
John Bennett	Vice-President
Neal Skinner	Secretary
Lige Day	Treasurer
Joe von Specht	Reporter
Miss Gallagher	Directress

## Jeffersonian Society

Calvin Mann	President
Clayton Sauer	Vice-President
Owen Knight	Secretary
Emory Watkins	Asst. Secretary
H. D. Rice	Treasurer
Vernon Schopp	Reporter
Miss Lowen	Directress

## Hamiltonian Society

Leonard Holland	President
Earl Brown	Vice-President
Dick Campbell	Secretary
Robt. J. Brown	Treasurer
Ralph Bradley	Reporter
M. B. Olinger	Director

## Pythian Literary Society

Lillian Bartlett	President
Elizabeth Paschal	Vice-President
Sophie Maeder	Secretary
Lillian Watkins	Asst. Secretary
Frances Barkley	Treasurer
Vesta Ritter	Reporter
Miss Moulton	Directress

## Crescent Literary Society

Sallie Lacy	President
Clair Spratt	Vice-President
Beryl Dodd	Secretary
Alice Buzard	Treasurer
Ruth Mac Billingsley	Reporter
Miss Tedlock	Directress

## Corinthian Literary Society

Ferne Beerer	President
Louise Graves	Vice-President
Dorothy Frederick	Secretary
Pearl Smith	Treasurer
Marie Hubbard	Reporter
Mrs. Piatt	Directress

## Allegra Literary Society

Irene Holland	President
Frances Reed	Vice-President
Mildred Peterson	Secretary
Virginia Crawford	Treasurer
Mildred Lins	Reporter
Miss Spencer	Directress





**W**E ARE all interested in knowing that a great number of the members of the class of '16 are attending schools of higher education. Those attending Missouri University are: Dupey Warrick, Marvin Davis, Lloyd Miller, Vincil Deakin, Clara Albrecht, Lester Davison, Beverly and Barton Pitts and Leon Albus.

Wesley Connett is studying architecture, at the University of Illinois.

Laura Henderson, who was President of Dianthian for two terms and a popular member of the class of '16, is at Randolph Macon in Virginia.

Two of the well-known members of the class, Leota Stout and Eleanor Long, are attending Ward Belmont College at Nashville.

Harold Warren, Everett Creek, Wendell Meredith, Harold Stewart and Herndon Shull are in Liberty, Missouri, at William Jewell College.

"Brick" Harroun, the handsomest man of the class of '16, is at Berkeley, California, studying to become a mining engineer.

Phoebe Buzzard and Bethel Nelson will surely become good housekeepers for they are studying Domestic Science at Manhattan.

Two of the members of last year's class are taking a normal course. Laura Maclean is at Warrensburg and Anita Mann at Maryville.

We are glad to welcome a number of the members of '16 back to "Old Central." Among them are: Frances Connett, Martha Rhodes, Josephine Wells, Benton Gabbert, Murray Sprague, Elliott Spratt, Norman Schwein and Matilda Meyers.

We all were glad to see a familiar face in the office when we came back and are sure that the School Board made a wise choice when they appointed Bell Lehrman as Secretary to Mr. Prunty.

Some of the older alumni have distinguished themselves in various ways.

Elmer Woodside, of the class of '08, has received his commission as lieutenant in the United States Navy. He was appointed to the United States Naval Academy, by Representative Charles F. Booher, the year following his graduation from Central High.

Anton Stankowski, one of Central's finest athletes, promises to star on the Missouri foot-ball team this fall as quarter. Every one is expecting him to be the spectacular Tiger of the season.

Dorothy Bell, a graduate of Central High School and one of the most popular members of the class of '14, has been elected President of the Junior Society at the University of Wisconsin. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

### Assembly Report

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speech I ever heard." Mr. Moyer told the school about the team and the games to be played and the season tickets they were offering for one dollar. Some rousing good yells were then given and the students excused.

On Friday, the students heard from two of the High School's organizations, the Orchestra and the Mixed Chorus. The Orchestra gave two excellent numbers with the promise of more later. Then the Chorus sang some fine football songs with the student-body joining in on some of them. Plans were made for a parade the next day before the football game. The parade was to start from Smith Park and march to League Park.

The next Monday glowing accounts of the rapidly growing membership of the Athletic Association were given. Then the subject of the Forum was introduced. Erwin McEwen, editor of the Forum, described for the students the size, appearance and contents of the first issue. He dwelt long upon its merits and urged the support of each and every member of the student body. Paul McGill and Charles Chase also spoke on other phases of the same topic.

On Oct. 6, after the customary Bible selection and the announcements, the students were entertained by the Boys' Glee Club. This group gave many clever football songs and won great applause. The students were then led in some stirring yells by Taney Beaumont and dismissed.

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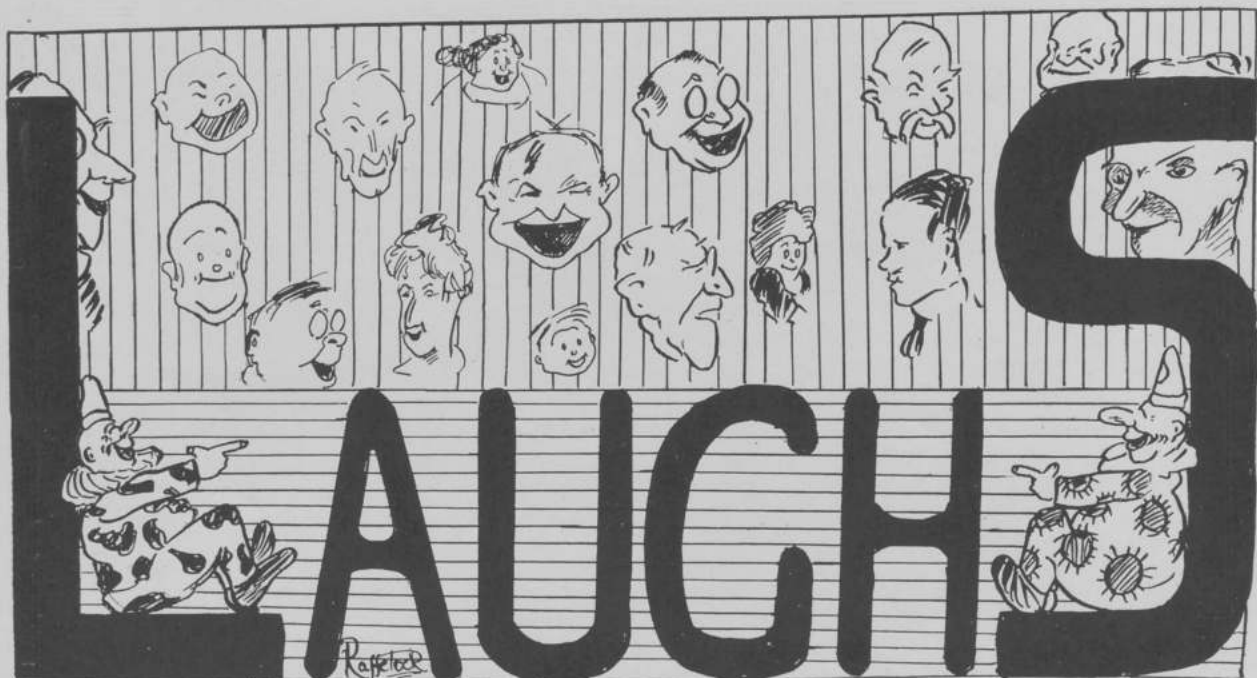
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**A** HUMORIST of the Coldstream Guards was singing in a second-line trench a parody of "Tipperary." It was a funny parody, and in the midst of it a young sergeant shouted out, "Yer makin' me laugh till I cry, Bill. Won't yer stop it? The tears are makin' me face all muddy."

It's a poor foot that can't give its arch support.

Dentists are happiest when looking down in the mouth.

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Mrs. Hacks: Yes; I let him go for a tramp every day.—Ex.

First Senior: Have you had trigonometry?

Second Senior: No; it was typhoid fever made me look this way.

#### A Gentle Hint

He (somewhat embarrassed after the car stopped on a lonely road)—  
 "I can't start the engine, the thing won't spark."  
 She—"Must be like some people, I know."

Daschund—"Say, I'll race you ten feet."

Other Dog—"Nix! You're half way there already!"

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## The Losing and Regaining of a Mind

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"Of course!"

"Then this is pure impertinence on your part. Please pass to the office."

Caroline did as she was told. Mr. Prunty's heart sank when she again entered the office. When asked to read a few minutes later, in the Latin class, she felt sure that she had the easiest passage in the book.

"All things having been made ready for the marching over the Alps, Grant ordered his soldiers to swim through the muddy Missouri."

Mr. Denning stared over his glasses in that charming manner of his, but for once it failed to faze Caroline.

"Well?" she snapped.

"Pardon me, Miss Caroline, but I suggest that you go home."

She did not accept his suggestion, however, but waited until school was out. On the way home she heard one girl say to another, "I fancy she has brain fever."

She was about to make a saucy reply, when she heard, "Caroline, Caroline, wake up and get your lessons!"

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Says 4-0-2 to F-O-X,  
 Why do folk know you like a book,  
 But when they want to call me,  
 They have to have a look?  
 That's easy to explain, says F-O-X  
 Fate alone is to blame.  
 That's 'cause you're a number,  
 While I, well, I'm a name.  
 Go on with all that noise;  
 At our pictures take a pike,  
 And I'll wash your shirt for nothing  
 If we don't look just alike.  
 When folks have mussed up suits,  
 Or a pair of dirty socks,  
 They think of me now,  
 'Cause they think of my twin "Fox."  
 You're right says F-O-X to 4-0-2,  
 Of you everyone should know;  
 To remember you by us being alike,  
 We'll refer to the cut below.  
 That's funny, you look like me,  
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Mr. Walters—"What makes a balloon rise?"

W. Hillyard—"Hot air."

Seamans—"Why don't you go up?"

Sherman Buell (up before the class, pointing out on the map some rivers in Germany)—"I can't find the Oder, Miss Summy."

Miss Summy—"Get a little closer, Sherman, and maybe you can smell it."

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Life's a "good thing" to the grafter,  
It's a failure to the fool.

To the man upon the engine  
Life's a long and heavy grade;  
It's a gamble to the gambler,  
To the merchant life is trade.

Life's a picture to the artist,  
To the rascal life's a fraud;  
Life perhaps is but a burden  
To the man beneath the hod.

Life is lovely to the lover,  
To the player life's a play;  
Life may be a load of trouble  
To the man upon the dray.

Life is but a long vacation  
To the man who loves his work;  
Life's an everlasting effort  
To shun duty to the shirk.

To the heaven-blessed romancer  
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