

## Leroy Sherkey Addresses Student Body of S.H.H.S.

On December 23rd Leroy Serkey, a senior in Washington College addressed the student body of Snow Hill High School in the auditorium. His subject was "Selecting a College."

The first consideration he said, was to select a college where one received the most for his money. Next a small college is better than a large college, for the student receives more careful supervision. Washington College fulfills both of these requirements, for it is a small college of moderate cost. One of the most important things in selecting a college is determining its scholastic standing. In this respect Washington ranks as one of the first in the state, for it is a Grade A college. This means that a graduate of Washington College is considered as well equipped as a graduate of any other college. Washington offers courses in Law, Dentistry, and Medicines besides academic and business and other courses. It also offers all sorts of athletic activities. In closing the speaker said that he hoped we would choose Washington College.

## Honor Roll

Those who have received grades of not less than B in Snow Hill High School for the month of December are as follows:

Seniors: Madeline Outten, Esther Robins, Elizabeth Warner, Helen Harris, Louis Sturgis and Herman Perdue.

Junior: Cynthia Hales.

Sophomores: Grace Higgins and Anna Strickland.

Freshmen: Betty Ann Purnell, Esther Wilson, Lillian Riley, Willard Stevens.

## Basket Ball Game With Marion Station

Friday night, January 9, was a night of real excitement. Everyone was in a big hurry to get home and back to school as soon as possible. The first Basket Ball game of the season was to be played that night with Marion Station, and why shouldn't everyone be excited? When we arrived the players were assembled on the court, practicing and getting their limbs in motion for the game. The game started with a big boom, Marion Station going down the court like a shot, and scoring, they did this a few times, which made the onlookers go up in the air, but this would never do and Snow Hill went after the ball and began scoring. This made things exciting on both sides and also raised the interest of the audience as to who would win after all. But things kept going about the same until the end of the game, Marion Station winning with a score of 21-7. However, Snow Hill feels she has gained much in this game and congratulates Marion Station on winning.

The line up as follows:

Snow Hill	Marion Station
L. Sturgis	Forward M. Tull
C. Evans	Forward P. Marshall
C. Kensey	Center W. Thompson
E. Wilson	Guard R. Mathews
H. Perdue	Guard W. Dryden

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## Snow Hill Plays Practice Game In Girls' Basket Ball With Pocomoke

The Snow Hill and Pocomoke Girls played a very interesting and exciting game in Basket Ball on Tuesday, January 20.

Although this was the first game played by the Snow Hill Squad, they made a very good showing in their

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## Winter Carnival To Be Held January 31st

Our girls are busy practicing for the Winter Carnival to be held here in Snow Hill High School on January 31st. This is the second Winter Carnival that has ever been held by the P. A. L. in this section. After attending the one held in Pocomoke last year the girls are more familiar as to what it is like, and quite determined to make Snow Hill come out on the top.

The girls and boys have willingly given up their Basket Ball practice to let us practice for this.

The High School girls are divided into three groups namely:

The girls from the ages 12 to 14, 16 and from 16 and over. Any of the girls may go up in a class but may not go down.

The group of 12 to 14 may enter one of the following: Dodge Ball, Dodge Ball Throw for distance, the Flag Race or the All Up Relay.

The one of 14 to 16 may try for one of these:

Target Pitch, Dodge Ball, The Potato Race or the Block Race.

The girls of 16 and over are trying for the Volley Ball Team, the Run and Throw Relay, Basket Ball Shots in one minute, and Field Ball Throw for accuracy.

The grade children are in one group and have different events to try for.

Each group are under the special guidance of a teacher.

We hope this Winter Carnival will do much to increase the School Spirit of Snow Hill High School. So Come on, Girls. Let's Win!



## BY DROWNING THE CAT, JIM NAISMITH STARTS BASKET BALL

Sixty five years ago, a sturdy legged little youngster was experimenting with the family cat when his mother called to him to fill the wood-box. The boy hastily sought a place to put his cat. The mouth of an old cistern, ten feet away caught his eye. High into the air the cat made a perfect arc and a distinct splash solemnly testified to the first faultless free throw ever made.

The boy was Jim Naismith. He was thoroughly thrashed. His mother tearfully asked herself and Jimmy what such a wicked boy would ever come to and his father called on the Lord to witness that something had to be done.

Sometime later his father heard of the Y. M. C. A. College in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the word Christian appealed to him, so Jimmy was immediately sent to Springfield.

At College Jimmy played volley ball, football, and other games, well, and after graduation he became instructor in his Alma Mater.

One day in the fall of the young instructor's first year, the janitor raked the campus, gathering the dry leaves in bushel baskets. That evening the empty baskets were placed near the volley ball court. The next afternoon, Jimmy, fooling with the volley ball, happened to remember the incident of the cat, and tossed the volley ball into the top basket of one of the piles. At once he was struck by the idea of the game.

That is the simple story of the beginning of basket ball. Jimmy practiced his new game. After awhile he was able to lodge a fair percentage of his shots from all angles. As soon as he improved his shooting ability, Jimmy took his fellow instructors into his secret. Twin Peach baskets were nailed to gallery standards at each end of the court. At first the game was played with as many as twenty five on a side.

The jump ball and the dribble as a defensive guarding came about quite naturally. From the first the ball had been put in play after a score by being tossed in the air between two centers. It was discovered that the same play would take care of the situation where the ball was scrimmaged and held in dispute.

The dribble was discovered by a player dropping the ball unintentionally and batting it several times in attempt to recover it. It didn't take long for the players to get tired of climbing up a step ladder to retrieve the ball after each goal, so holes were cut in the bottom of each basket. Rules were gradually clarified and codified. Suggestions are now acted upon annually by a committee drawn from three governing bodies. Dr. Jimmy Naismith for years director of Causes of Physical education for men at the University of Kansas, is honorary Chairman of the joint committee for life.

## LIFE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706, in Boston. He was one of the first great Americans and, what can be said of few men in all world's history, a man distinguished in almost every field of endeavor. The spigramatic inscription carved on a Medallion of him says, "He has seized the lighting from Heaven and the scepter from tyrants," mentions but two of the numerous phases of his activity. Scientist, authors, statesmen, philosopher, inventors, printer, diplomat, humorist, surely few other men ever ventured on so many careers and worked them out so successfully. "American's patron saint of common sense," he is called, and the description fits him well, for in every thing he did, said, and wrote, there was evidence of plain unsentimental, common sense. He died April 17, 1790.

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Principal: Which will you do?

Pupils: We will not.

Principal: Thank you, I thought you would.

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## GAS ESCAPES IN

## CHEMISTRY CLASS

One day in January when the seniors were studiously working on their Chemistry, someone caused a great commotion. This person snooping around the laboratory found a bottle of carbon disulphide. He kindly removed the stopper, letting some of the gas escape.

"Phew!" exclaimed Vera Jones. "What on earth is that?" "What?" asked Clarence Taylor, "I don't smell anything."

"My Gosh!" exclaimed Ed Wilson, "If you don't you haven't any nose!"

"Wow!" replied Clarence (giving a violent sniff) "I'll say I do! Open the window quick!"

A general rush for fresh air followed. By this time the odor had reached back of the room and the guardian angel of the class decided it was time to renew it in the front. He shook the test tube playfully in Marion Pettit's face. Marion threw up his hand to protect his nose and knocked the bottle spilling some of the liquid on his cuff and on the floor. Then arose a delightful aroma. Everyone laughed at the expression on Marion's face and held his nose. The angel (fearing trouble with Pettit) left the room and came back to find Marion dangling one hand out of the window and holding his nose with the other.

"What are you doing? He asked with a grin. "Airing Off?"

With fire in his eye Marion addressed the trouble maker. "Say what's the idea? How do you think I'm going to get a date with my coat smelling like this? (Here he draws in his hand and gives a sniff)

"Whew! It's just as bad as ever." Smells like rotten cabbage!"

"You're wrong, by Gum," said Charles. "It smells like Chester City."

"Another mistake," said Marion Riley. "It smells like a dead rot."

"Well, said Pettit gloomily, "I'll spend the rest of this day in seclusion with this "Fleur de cabbage perfuming my coat."

He did.

## HONOR ROLL

Those who have received grades of not less than B in any subject in the elementary grades are the following:

Seventh Grade: Sarah Kerbin, Anna Robertson, Emily Sherkey, Mildred Edith Taylor.

Sixth Grade: Edward Davis, Mabel Perdue.

Fifth Grade: Charles Corrdrey, Ellen Hancock.

Fourth Grade: Freda Godfrey, David Northam, Alden Pennewell.

mecanically inclined person is one who puts a nickel in a pie slot in an automat and gets a plate of soup.

## EXAMINATIONS

As the time for examinations drew near all the pupils began to get very excited. Such words as "Don't you dread that history examination?" and "I know I'm going to fail in French" could be heard everywhere in school. The pupils who had not studied began cramming, trying to learn everything in one night. Those who had studied all along weren't worrying, while those who had been indifferent took an "I don't care attitude."

Pupils, lets resolve to study during the new year. Learn everything thoroughly as we go along. Then, when the dreaded time of examinations approach, we will be prepared. After all we should not work for the marks we get but for what we really learn and the good it does us.

## HALL POLICE

The following students have served on the hall police this year. These police were selected from the honor students by the executive committee.

November: Helen Harris, and Esther Robins.

December: Cynthia Hales and Charles Kensey.

January: Madeline Outten, Elizabeth Warner, and Herman Perdue.

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## MY FAMILY TREE

I once said that my family tree was a grapevine and I am now prepared to defend my theory. I told a man that my ancestors came over on the "Mayflower," he reminded me that immigration laws were easier to evade then. My great uncle told me he had a tree in his yard where Columbus tied the "Leviathon."

An uncle of mine played the fife in George Washington's army in the war of 1812, fought in 1878. He learned to play the violin, then the viola, then he played the cello, and now he is playing the bass violin in a modern sympathy orchestra. He has to stop playing now until they make the instruments bigger.

I suppose my mother is my nearest relation, but I had an uncle who was the closest. He was so stingy he would talk through his nose to save the wear on his false teeth. They said that throat disease killed him. They found him hanging from a tree with a rope around his neck.

One of my cousins, who is fifty years old, is selling magazines so he can go back to college.

A nephew of mine was in the army, but he received an honorable discharge, not because he deserved it, but because they ran out of the other kind.

John Alden was one of my four-fathers, the same one who sang to Priscilla and won her in spite of Captain Miles Standish's protests. He is singing over the radio now.

One of my cousins was imprisoned and was about to hang. He was asked where his friends were, and he replied that they were all in with him. He said just before he was hung that he had learned his lesson and would never kill another man.

Queen Elizabeth was escorted over a mud-puddle once in the Sahara desert in Arizona by my grandfather, who spread his scarf so she could walk across on it. She wanted to marry him but he thought the duties of a king were too confining.

My grandmother once made socks

for George Washington's army. She made them so large they used them for dress uniforms. She used one of her husband's handkerchiefs to make the first American flag. Andrew Mellon carried it with him when he discovered that golf hazard known as the Pacific Ocean.

Another of my ancestors took part in the French revolution fought in Spain in 1942 B. C. (before calendars.)

One of my fair cousins was among the Daughters of the American Revolution in South America, but she was forced to resign because there were so many revolutions she couldn't decide which to be a daughter of.

A man called me a liar the other day but I don't like that remark. I'm merely an expert at prevarication.

## EXCHANGES

The Hatchet—Princess Anne, Md. We suggest that you add a little poetry to your magazine. The arrangement on the front page might be improved.

The Bridge—Chesapeake City, Md. Leaving adds out of your paper gives it an attractive appearance but do you think it is as interesting to the town? Your editorials are very good.

The Hottentot—Why not have an exchange column in your paper?

We also exchange papers with the Kempwillion, The Meteor, Tip-Taps, The Lamp, The Avon Flash, The Reflector, Trade Winds, The Diamond Back, The Cheer Leader, The Holly Leaf, The Booster, The Axe Eye, The Owl, The Dixie Tattler. We enjoy reading these papers very much.

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## S. H. H. S. PLAYS RETURN GAME WITH MARION STATION

Thursday night, January 15, 1931, found the S. H. H. S. quintet at Marion Station ready to face the Marion Boys, a second time as their opponents.

During the first quarter, both teams played Basket Ball that you might see played by colleges and universities. The ball was passed from one to the other in such a way that in the first part of the quarter the score was 6 to 2 favoring Snow Hill. The first quarter ended with a score 8 to 8.

In the second and third quarter Snow Hill seemed to lose its formation. The short, snappy passes ceased, and the ball was first at one end of the court and then at the other. Every man was guarded closely and Snow Hill playing a one man defense, seemed to be losing its once firm foothold. Toward the end of the game, it seemed more like foot-ball than basketball, as the players, playing rougher, were down on the floor quite a bit. Thus Snow Hill's second attempt at basketball ended in the score 31 to 18 favoring Marion Station.

The line up as follows:

Snow Hill		Marion Station
Luis Sturgis	Forward	M. Tull
C. Evans	Forward	P. Marshall
C. Kensey	Center	W. Thompson
H. Perdue	Guard	R. Mathews
H. Duer	Guard	W. Dryden
G. Barnes	Guard	Wilkins

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number of baskets and also by their quick passes. The girls feel that they

have a very good chance to be on the top, or among the winning teams of the year. The score was 21 to 23 in favor of Pocomoke.

The line up as follows:

Snow Hill		Pocomoke
J. Hepler	Center	L. Hancock
H. Harris	S. Center	H. Savage
E. Carter	Forward	M. Calloway (Capt.)
Vera Jones (Capt.)	Forward	P. Collins
K. Dickerson	Guard	M. L. Henderson
C. Hales	Guard	C. Haddock

The goals were made by:

Snow Hill—Carter, Outten, Jones.

Pocomoke—Collins, Calloway.

## Some Things the Sophomores Learned

That Maryland was the capital of the United States.

That Easter is on Good Friday.

That Herbert Hoover was the President of the United States.

That Salisbury was the capital of Wicomico County.

That the Fourth of July came other than the fourth.

That Election Day always falls on the first Tuesday after the first Wednesday in November.

That Easter came the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Huguenots.

That Mr. Milton Veasey is state senator.

That Christmas comes frequently on December 25th.

That Thanksgiving always comes on the twenty-fifth of November.

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 Ethel Shockley ..... Music

## NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

At the beginning of 1931 let's all make a new start in life. It would be splendid to correct all of our faults, but that is impossible. We can however make a few good resolutions, and stick to them.

First: Do your best in your lessons.

Second: Boost your school.

Third: Be a good sport.

At first these three resolutions do not seem to cover much space but think a moment. What if every student of S. H. H. S. adopted these resolutions? Marks would go up and so raise the schools scholastic standing. The next resolution, "Boosting the school" is a large one. When we

boost the school we cooperate with the teachers, the coaches, the Student Council, and every thing it undertakes. This would improve conduct in the school, form championship teams and attendance would be greatly improved. All of the school organizations would flourish and entertainments of every kind would be great successes.

The last resolution "Be a good sport" would accomplish many things. School spirit would rise, and the friendly feeling between different schools would be greatly improved. The result of these resolutions would be "An Ideal School."

## CONDUCT

Perfect conduct is something that never exists in any school; it is not expected. It is expected, though, that every student practice the attitude of good behavior. Behaving yourself makes others want to behave. If you should see someone acting smart, as we sometimes call it today, or misbehaving, most of us would probably laugh. Laughing only assures the person that you approve of his actions and makes the one who is misbehaving worse. Help this person by telling him what is right.

Misconduct is not always "meaness." Nine times out of ten it is not. A person does things he should not just to see if he can get away with it. Let us all correct our bad habits and practice the attitude of good behavior.

## KINDNESS

More hearts pine away in secret anguish for the want of kindness, from those who should be their comforters, than for any other calamity in life. A word of kindness is a deed which, when dropped by chance, springs up into a beautiful flower. A kind word

and a pleasant voice are gifts easy to give; be liberal with them for they are worth more than money.

"If a word will render a man happy," said a Frenchman, "he must be a wretch indeed who will not give it."

It is lighting another man's candle with your own, which looses none of it's brilliancy by what the other gains. If all men would act upon that principle, the world would be much happier than it is. Kindness is like a calm and peaceful stream that reflects every object in its just proportions. It makes sunshine wherever it goes, it finds its way into hidden chambers of the heart and brings forth golden treasures; harshness on the contrary, seals them in forever.

Kindness is the real law of life; the link that connects earth with heaven; that it touches, turns to Virgin gold; touches, it turns it to Virgin gold; the true gold wherewith we purchase contentment peace and love. Write your name by kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of the people you come in contact with year by year, and you will never be forgotten. In the intercourse of a social life, it is by little acts of watchful kindness recurring daily and hourly, and opportunities of doing kindness, if sought for are forever starting up; it is by words, by tones, by jesters, and by looks, that affection is won and preserved. How sweet are the affections of kindness?

Kindness is taught now as it was ages back. The Greeks tell the story of two beggars who came to town, begging for food. They went to every home for food, but were refused. Finally they went to the poorest home there. They were met with kindness and received the best the humble people could give. The two beggars were Gods. They washed away the town of people who had kept kindness out of their hearts, and to the people who had kindness, they gave a wonderful gift. There is always a reward for one with kindness in his heart.

Deal gently with the stranger. Remember the severed cord of affections are still bleeding, and beware not to



offend by a thoughtless act, or a careless word. The stranger has lived in a atmosphere of love as warm as that we breathe. Alone and friendless now, he treasures the images of loved ones far away, and when gentle words are exchanged we know how the heart thrills, but an act of unkindness or an unkind word makes the teardrops start. Like a cling ing vine, torn from support, the stranger's heart begins to twine it's tendrils around the person which presents kindness unto him.

Lord Bacon says, "If a man be gracious unto strangers it shows he is a citizen of the world and his heart is no island cut off from other lands, but joins them."

There is nothing like kindness, in the world. This principle underlies the whole theory of Christianity.

"A little work of kindness spoken or a tear,

Has often held a heart that's broken,  
And made a friend sincere."

—Jessie Hepler

lower than the leader's, Stockton's, that school reaching the very creditable mark of 97. The high standing of the Stockton school was helped by a record of a one hundred percent attendance made by its Freshman class, a record not often equalled. The grades of the high school were, Stockton, 97.3; Snow Hill, 93.7; Pocomoke 93; Ocean City, 90.3; and Berlin, 90.2.

Of the two-teacher schools Whaleyville and Girdletree, the former leads with 90.3; Girdletree, 87.3. These marks are decidedly lower than those of 1929, these being, for Whaleyville, 93.6, and for Girdletree, 92.8.

Of the one-teacher schools, Friendship made the remarkable record of one hundred percent, as against 87.1 for 1929 and being eleventh on the list that year. This must be very gratifying for the teacher, and results in the advancement of the pupils must be very noticeable. In this group, Campbelltown, in December 1929, came very near to one hundred percent, the mark that year being 99.2.  
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#### ATTENDANCE REPORT

In the school attendance report for December, submitted by Miss Lucy N. Stagg, shows a drop in attendance. An explanation is given, however, of the low standing and a whooping cough epidemic is named as a reason for the low rating. The mark for the month was 83.7. In December 1929, the percentage was 91.6, and Pocomoke stood No. 4 on the list. The general average was 89. Pocomoke falling below this by 5.3 points.

Snow Hill leads the graded schools with a rating of 93.6; Berlin, 91.9; Bishopville, 91.7; Stockton, 90.6; Newark, 90; Ocean City, 85.3; and Pocomoke, 83.6.

Among the high schools, Pocomoke is third, with a mark of 93. This is slightly better than that of 1929—92.9. The December grade is also better than the general averages of the High schools for the same month, this being 92.3; but it is 4.3 points

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The students of the class of '30 who came home for the Christmas holidays were: Anna Jones, Harriet Gray, Salisbury Normal School; Lois Mason, Temple University; Walter Onley, University of Maryland; Joyce Strickland, Ursins College; Emily Scarborough, Drexel; Minnie Dryden, Goldey's College; Naomi Sturgis, Baltimore Business School, and William Townsend, Staunton Military Academy.

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Alma Martin '30 spent the week-end of December 28th, with Isabelle Johnson '31.

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Esther Wilson '34 visited relatives in Wilmington a few days during Christmas.

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Miss Nan Brimer spent the week end of January 3rd in Philadelphia.

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Miss Lillie Brennon of Washington, D. C., spent the Christmas holidays with Dorothy Balderson '31.

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Elizabeth Warner '31 visited relatives in Easton a few days during Christmas.

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Rowena Macril '34 visited friends in Hebron during Christmas.

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Pauline Gordy '34 was the guest of her sister in Salisbury during Christmas.

Audrey Outten '33 spent part of Christmas with relatives near Pocomoke.

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Grace Branes '32 visited relatives in Berlin during the Christmas holidays.

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Hilda Bounds '32 spent part of the Christmas holidays with friends in Berlin.

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David Baker '32 was in Chester for a few days during the Christmas holidays.

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Eloise Adkins '32 spent part of the Christmas holidays with relatives in Ocean City.

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Lena Townsend '32 visited friends in Berlin during the Christmas holidays.

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Virginia Johnson '32 spent New Year's Day with relatives in Vienna, Md.

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We are sorry to report that Almeta Jones '32 has left Snow Hill High School and is now attending Berlin School. She will be greatly missed by the entire student body.

On Friday, December 19th, the Commercial students held an entertainment in the Music Room of the Snow Hill High School. Christmas gifts were distributed among the pupils. Mr. Beauchamp and all of the class officers gave a speech. The radio and piano furnished music and later on refreshments were served. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.

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James Onley '32 spent the Christmas vacation in New York City, N.Y.

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Evelyn West '32 is now absent from school on account of illness.

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Jeanette Rautenkranz '32 spent several days with friends in Salisbury during the Christmas holidays.

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Anna Strickland '33 was among those on the sick list of December.

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## A NEW YEAR'S JOY

It was New Year's Eve,  
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and bright

In many homes that night,  
The widow Jones, who lived alone,  
Had neither fire nor light.

As she sat in the old arm chair,  
Her Bible on her knee,  
She thought of Tom, her only son,  
Who ten long years ago,  
Had gone away on New Years Day,  
To sail the deep blue sea.

He had packed his grip,  
And with a loving kiss  
He said with a tear in his eye;  
Mother dear I am going; a fortune to  
make it true,  
And when I return with the gold I  
have earned;  
A home I will build for you.

For a time the letters came often  
And each held a message of cheer,  
And the mother had read them again  
and again,  
At the beginning of each New Year..

Three years now had passed,  
Since a message had come from  
The boy she loved and adored;  
And the mother's hopes that once  
were bright  
As she looked in his face when he  
said,  
I'll not forget you mother"  
Led her to believe he was dead.

Tonight as she knelt and prayed  
A vision came before her eyes,  
She saw her boy coming home to her.  
Sailing through the starlit skies;  
And as she was pondering upon what  
she had seen;  
A knock came at the door,  
But before she could open it;  
In came a man, and bounded across  
the floor.

He took his mother in his arms,  
And kissed her again and again,  
Repeating I've not forgotten you  
mother

Tho' the world may say I can.

For three long years we have been  
marooned  
On a lonely island at sea;  
And just this week Dear Mother,  
Did we get our liberty.

And straight I came to you mother  
And with you, I will stay;  
For I have wealth to keep us both  
For many a long, long day.

Oh! My son, she cried, May God bless  
you  
And keep your heart pure and true;  
But remember dear boy, it wasn't the  
Gold I have longed for,  
But <sup>only</sup> first the presence of you.

Marion Pettit

## WE WONDER!

The P. A. L. directors thought that  
it would be a good idea for the high  
school to take up a special course in  
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having so many off-periods these are  
taken up by Physical Education. The  
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setting up exercises, as well as to play  
many interesting games. This course  
couldn't be worked in for all the Jun-  
iors and Seniors because of the sched-  
ule, but some of the enthusiastic  
ones get a Victrola and take setting-  
up exercises in Miss Gessford's room  
during the noon hour. Maybe they  
do this for fun and maybe not.

Elwyn Cooper while playing in the  
orchestra was told by the leader his  
time was pretty good but those notes  
were so sour he could smell them.

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## LONGINGS AND ASPIRATIONS

Inter Spem et Metum

Canto 1.

Enveloped in an atmosphere  
Of doubt, credulity, and fear,  
The sands of Time run out;  
Life whether full of doubt,  
Or hope, or cheer,  
Cannot transcend the little day allotted here.

Antiquity hath left untold  
What countless ages are enrolled  
Its voiceless past within;  
When Hist'ry doth begin,  
A race behold  
In language, legends, and in laws already old.

No new thing is beneath the sun,  
Or time e'en was, or life begun,  
God was the midst of all;  
To him the soul doth call,  
"Undone, undone,  
And as a tale that has been told my race is run."

Through all our lives there runs a thread  
Connecting with a cycle sped  
Perchance a thousand years;  
And in its hopes, its fears,  
The soul is led  
To ask what transmigration wait the countless dead.

If in some preexistent state  
The soul did pulse and animate  
Some other shape or form;  
If Death it can but charm,  
It liberate,  
To move like starry wanderer to other fate.

A mystery is everywhere,—  
In everything in earth and air,  
In every little stone  
Some property unknown  
Is hidden there,  
Which to the perfect whole doth some relation bear.

And happy he whose nature wakes  
And in its mind's alembic takes

The elements of earth;  
Resolved to primal worth  
No part forsakes  
The universal law God in His wisdom makes.

All life is wrapt in mystery,  
All life is born to destiny,  
And all hath common fate;  
One God doth all create,  
Doth all decree,  
The same to-day, and yesterday, and all Eternity.

We live not in ourselves alone  
But life with life wherever known  
Is twined and intertwined;  
A firm, directing mind,  
Or gentle tone,  
Oft wins us to itself, and claims as for its own.

The inconsistencies of man  
Pronounce a deep and lasting ban  
On full and perfect life;  
For man in toil and strife,  
In life's short span,  
Hath swiftly divers hopes, and divers loves outran.

And man is like the passing year,  
He has his changing seasons here,  
And moods of varying thought;  
And every life is fraught  
With many a tear  
For severance of ties that once were fondly dear.

Still life its contradictions flies  
And truth revealed still mystifies;  
Still in our depths of woe  
Unwilling tears will flow,  
And blind the eyes,  
As thoughts that are too painful to be known arise.

C. V. White

Charits K. (In Chemistry Class)  
It's "lye"  
Louis S. (heatedly) What's a lie?  
Charles K. Potash.

Copied.

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Bright pupil: That is why they use automobiles.

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## HISTORY OF THE MONTH

January is the first month of the year, according to the modern calendar. It is a time of beginning, and the Romans signified this fact by naming it after Janus, the God of beginnings, whose festival fell within the month. He was a double headed deity, with one face looking forward and one looking backward, and this is symbolical of the month, which inspires thought of the past as well as of the future. The special flower for the wintry month of January is the snowdrop; the garnet is its gem. January was not one of the original months, the year according to the earliest Roman calendar having begun with March. January at first had only thirty days, but the reforms of Julius Caesar gave it thirty-one days which it has kept ever since.

Its character has won for it various names in different countries. The

Scandinavians, for instance, called it after Thor, the god of Storms, and the old Anglo-Saxons spoke of it as Wolfmonth, because during its bitter cold days the wolves could find nothing alive in the forest on which they could live, and came into the villages in search of food.

Among the important birthdays celebrated in January are, Paul Revere, Cicero, Joan of Arc, Benjamin Franklin, Daniel Webster, Robert E. Lee, Edgar Allan Poe, Robert Burns, and Mozart.

Janus and I; oldest of potentates!

Forward I look and backward and below,

I count as god of avenues and gates  
The years that through my portals  
come and go.

World Book

History teacher: What did the November elections prove?

Pupil: That the man with the most votes is elected.

## JOKES

Mr. Simmons (in spohomore Algebra class) Now children do you all understand this?

Class (very drowsily) Yes Sir.

Mr. Simmons (with heat) What's the matter, are you dead?

Class: Yes Sir.

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Irvin H. I had a dream last night.  
Clarence T. What was it?

Irvin H. I dreamed that I was eating one of the sandwiches down to the Cafe. When I woke up one of my shoes was gone.

\* \* \* \*

Miss Fountain: Marion, give me an example of a broken word.

Marion R. Holland Stanford.

Miss Fountain: How do you get that?

Marion R. He stutters.

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