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EDITORIAL

What is the point in having examinations? The bi-annual examinations are again, since examinations are only a few days away. The more modern and progressive schools have abolished this method of formal investigation into the student's scholastic accomplishments and have found no ill effects. Most of the younger teachers are in favor of doing away with mid-semester and finals. Certain teachers contend that examinations are essential to those who enter college because they need the experience. We think that enough experience can be obtained in the periodical tests. After all it isn't experience that passes a test—it's knowledge. An examination isn't a true test of one's ability. A very good student may have a low grade, merely because he is nervous; or perhaps he may have a wide knowledge of the subject, but may not know the answers to the particular questions that have been asked. Then there are the teachers to be considered. The strain of correcting several hundred papers in a few days is very great. To give each paper the same consideration under these circumstances is impossible. Perhaps something could be done in the future to eliminate this torture to which we who are receiving our education in this high school at the present time are subjected. A system of more frequent examinations, such as a test at the conclusion of each unit of work, could be used to good advantage. Schools that do not have finals have adopted such a procedure and have found it highly satisfactory. However, since we seem to be doomed to this semi-annual inspection, let us try to be as honest as possible. We all know that a great deal of cribbing is done; so let's each one do his part to eliminate this unfair practice.

MONTH OF THE GREAT

This week is one of the most outstanding weeks of the year. The reason for this statement is: within five days of each other are the birth dates of four very prominent men. These men had much to do with the history of our country. Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706. He was one of the most versatile men ever produced in this country; he was an inventor, philosopher, author, and statesman. Daniel Webster, who was born on January 18, 1782, was a great orator. He was a member of the House of Representatives and the Senate. He was Secretary of State for President Tyler and Fillmore. The last two prominent men were famous Southern generals; namely, Robert E. Lee, who was born on January 19, 1807; and Thomas J. Stonewall Jackson, who was born on January 21, 1824. Both Lee and Jackson were graduates of West Point. Both were the leading Southern generals in the Civil War. Jackson was known as Lee's right arm; and when Stonewall was killed, Lee was at a loss. There you have it: four famous men whose birthdays we celebrate within five days of each other.

ATTENDANCE—NOT SO GOOD. Records show that the attendance of the high school has not improved. Many students stay away for no legitimate reason and hand in all sorts of "phony" excuses. Remember, students, you are only hurting yourselves by staying away, even for one period. Let's see if we can't work together for a better attendance in the future. The following students have left us and have been dropped from the roll: Pauline McMurtree, Theresa Hockenberry, Jack Eckman, Doris Ekman. The following have been added to the roll: Richard Walker, Alfred Tressler, and Marie McConner.

STURDY AND STAUNCH—Anyone who enters the library finds his attention instantly attracted by the gleaming trophies ranged around the room. Time was when these souvenirs of past victories went almost totally unnoticed, their lustre hidden by layers of tarnish and dust. However, a short time ago, a group of observant Home Ec. girls took pity on their sorry plight, and applying a little silver polish and a great deal of "elbow grease," managed to restore them to their former beauty.

NEW BOOKS Many new books have been added to the library, and are widely circulated which prove that they meet with the approval of the pupils. The boys find "The Iron Duke," a tale of Jim Wellington's experiences at Harvard, very interesting. "Pearl Divers" by Berge is also a favorite among the boys. The new books "Peggy Covers the News" and "The Barton Student Nurse" as well in the lead go far as the girls' favorites are concerned. "The Yearling," "Rebecca," and "My Sister, Eileen" are naturally very much in demand. Borrowers may show their appreciation of the services the library attempts to give by observing these few

- rules on the care of books: 1. Do not handle a book unless your hands are clean. 2. Use a book mark, don't turn down corners. 3. Do not put papers, pencils, and the like in books.

FORMER EDITOR RETURNS. Richard Walker, former associate editor of the "Red and White News," has come from Hollywood, California, for an indefinite stay in Bellefonte. He has come "back home" because his father has business to attend to in the East. In order not to lose any time he is continuing his studies in B. H. S. He has lived in California for about nine months and attended Hollywood High School. This school is run like a college and uses the Progressive Education System. There are no examinations and no home work. English Social studies and gym are required subjects. One of the eight buildings which constitute the school plan is a library. Assemblies are given on the average of three times a week. plays are presented every two months, even "jitter" bug contests are held in these assemblies. Hollywood High School claims that at least one person from every state in the union and every country in the world is attending classes within her walls. There are even one or two pupils that have taken part in the movies. Richard has seen some very beautiful sights while traveling, one of these being the picturesque redwood trees. On another occasion, he saw people swimming in the ocean during the early part of December. We are glad that Richard has come back and we hope that he enjoys being with B. H. S. pupils again.

BOOK REVIEW. "My Sister Eileen" by Ruth McKenney. "My Sister Eileen," one of the new books in the library, is an account of the experiences of the author and her sister from the time they start to school until they go to New York to apply for their first job. In the first chapter Miss McKenney gives a humorous description of the first movie that she and her sister attended. They were large rimmed hats which would readily hide any portion of the movie which they did not care to see. When the movie became uninteresting, they resorted to the throwing of peanut shells. But to tell any more would make it uninteresting to future readers because these two fun-loving girls have many other similar adventures.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROLLING The Girls' basketball team has been organized and are well on their way toward a successful season. The girls, under the supervision of Miss Georgeanne Purnell, who taught physical education in the seventh and eighth grades last year, have had some very good practice sessions twice a week. The girls have played one game this season, which although unsuccessful from the standpoint of score displayed good sportsmanship on the part of the team. The girls have been practicing harder the past week and hope to be more successful in their future games.

THE DWARFS OF B. H. S. "Hi-ho! Hi-ho! It's off to work we go" and we are going to work! The 24th of this month is the day when every student of the Bellefonte High School will be laboriously racking his brains to think of what he learned four months ago. There will also be plenty of sweating brows when the trying four days are over, as the examinations will last until the end of Friday, January 23. But after these four sleepless nights, Mr. Sollenberger has graciously, or perhaps sympathetically, given us a day to recuperate. Until January 21 must we "Ho-Ho" back to work to resume the duties of a good BHS student.

THE SISTERS. On January 23 and 24 the Plaza Theatre will present Warner Brothers' production of "The Sisters" starring Bette Davis and Errol Flynn whose superb performances will thrill you all. Bette plays the part of a courageous daughter of a nice, average American family earlier in our century. Bette is a nice girl with both head and heart; but meeting Errol Flynn, she loses both to his charm and sticks to him through thick and thin, including the San Francisco earthquake. There is also a fine cast to portray the other characters: Henry Travers, Beulah Bondi, Anita Louise, and Jane Bryan.

DIARY Thursday, January 5 Dear Diary, "Just a quarter, or one-fourth of a dollar to buy a chance on my car." Was what every one heard from John Dobeibower today in school. No one seems to know why he is chasing off his beautiful "car," but there must be some big reason. I should like to see it run before I take a chance. Friday, January 6 Dear Diary, Splash and gurgie! Wow! what a swimming party! It was held at the Y. M. C. A. and you should have seen the bathing beauties. Woo-woo! There was lots of tucking and some nice diving. The Tri-Hi-Y held the party. It was so new and different. I hope we have lots more. We left the Y. M. C. A. and went to the drug store, and does swimming work up one's appetite. Now I am going to bed and sleep it off. Good night. Saturday, January 7 Dear Diary, Had a date with Oliver and went to see "The Great Waltz." It was very good and had me under a spell until I looked at Oliver, he would break any one's spell. After we saw the show twice, Oliver told me that he thought we had better leave. I guess he thought I got up with him,

but I didn't even hear him. Oliver did not miss me until after he got to the lobby. In the meantime I missed him and began a search in the opposite direction. Some days I'd say. Oh well, funny things do happen these days.

Recollections Over Old-Time Schools (Continued from page one) to have the entire term of 6 months I taught the two first months at \$15, per month, and then the four winter months at \$27.50 per month, making \$140 for the entire term of 132 days; 22 days for the month, or an average of \$1.06 per day. We walked 3 1/2 miles every morning and evening over rough hilly country roads, and rarely ever secured a ride, either going or coming. Being our own janitor, made our days quite long. When the month was finished, we made out our report in a large book and first took it to the secretary of the board, 3 miles away, then four miles farther to the president of the board to sign; then 2 1/2 miles in another direction to the treasurer who wrote us a check, after which we were compelled to go to a bank or some able person to secure the cash which often took the entire day. I concluded then and there that I had been taught the real worth of a dollar. Now thousands of teachers get \$40 or more every 30 days, the check laid on their desk when the month is finished. Sixty years ago free text-books were unknown and compulsory attendance was not then required. Physiology or Health was not taught as a branch of the curriculum. If the teacher lived at some distance away, or was a woman teacher, one of the boys in the school was hired to build the fire early in the morning at \$1.00 per month. I often wonder if a boy could be found to do such a job today. We were distinctly told by the August school board that the schools were created for the children, not the teacher—he was merely hired to do the work. Now it would seem that the teacher is paramount, and his or her salary is imperative and is regulated and backed up by the state. I often think I was the victim of a false economy, or was I born too soon? Thomas E. Finnegan had not yet appeared on the scene, as the Great Salary Booster, and champion of the teacher's compensation, with all the modern conveniences and equipment, with compulsory attendance at hand. Years ago the children carried water in a large pail and all drank from the same tin-cup. In my thirty-five years, or winters of teaching I taught three terms in the advanced grade of Unionville, and was elected three times as Principal of the Snow Shoe schools. Having received a "louder" call to go to Patton, Cambria County. I naturally accepted the latter, running true to America's worshipful war: "The Girl that Perseueth," was elected also to the principalship of the Howard schools over forty years ago, but again I was "spiritually" moved to accept a "louder" call. I say truthfully, that the five terms I taught in Centre County were among the most agreeable and interesting terms I have ever been privileged to teach, and has left many green spots along the highway of life's memory. One of the most comforting features of my declining years now is to meet some of the splendid men and women, who were interesting pupils under my care over a half a century ago. The kind things they say, and the warm compliments they extend in appreciation of my efforts to encourage and help them; greatly warm my heart and cheer my old age, like bread coming back on the water after many days. In those early days the hospitality of the rural homes, was quite a feature. We teachers were always invited to go home at least once, and sometimes often, and stay over night, meet their parents and enjoy the comforts of the farm homes. It comes to my mind vividly now, while teaching my first term, when a flood of water surrounded the school building, that I was equipped with high boots and it fell to me to carry both the girls, one at a time, from the school house door, to the upper side of the road, a distance of 20 yards or more, and see them safely above the water, as the school house was below the level of the road. Some of those dear girls, over 20 in all, weighed as high as 150 lbs. yet I never flinched, and they seemed happy, and I—why, I felt like a Sir Walter Raleigh, happy to be of service. In the Spring, the boys would declare they could solve every problem

Dear Diary, "Eat! Eat! Eat! What a banquet! The Rotary Club held for the football team, incidentally, the cheer leaders and drum majors were there too. We had after dinner speakers and were they good. They told about football in their day—were we lucky to live in 1939! In those days the star of the team was the one who could throw a rock the farthest and hardest. Most of the boys were excellent throwers. Now I think I'm going to have indigestion from eating so much. Ooooooh!!! Tuesday, January 10 Dear Diary, Oh joy, oh bliss, oh glee what a basket ball game! We might have had a bad football season but not so in basketball, at least up to now. Bellefonte and Look Haven certainly played a good game. Some excitement. I kept jumping up and down until I am so stiff I can hardly get in bed. Ouch! Wednesday, January 11 Dear Diary, Candy, Latin, algebra, history books plus radio. I certainly did some hard studying, tonight. Just think one week until exams. I am so worried that I'll probably have a nervous break-down by then.

HISTORY PLAY PRESENTED Dramatization in History Class. In the fourth period history class taught by Mr. Dale, the pupils enjoyed a very interesting, as well as educational, dramatization. The titles of them were "The Signing of the Magna Charta" and "A Day in the Court of King Alfred." Two groups of pupils dramatized these two events. A boy and a girl each as leaders and then chose their helpers. The dramas were written by the leaders, James Thompson and Jean Boden. The one entitled "The Signing of the Magna Charta," directed by James Thompson, was given last Friday, January 13, and was well received by the class. The other entitled "A Day in the Court of King Alfred," directed by Jean Boden was presented the following Monday. It, too, was very interesting. These pupils deserve a lot of credit for going ahead with a project of this nature, and we hope to enjoy many more in the future.

FARM CALENDAR Timely Reminders From The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture Colony House for Chicks—Because it best meets the requirements of the average farmer having a small flock of chickens, a 10 by 12 house is a common sight on many farms. A house of this size can be moved easily with a good team, a truck, or tractor, making it possible to grow chicks on clean ground each year. This helps combat poultry diseases. Penn State poultrymen say. Cooperative Bull Associations—Cooperative use of herd sires sharply reduces the cash outlay for bulls, dairy specialists at Penn State report. Butterfat production of bull association herds during the last year was 2 1/2 pounds greater than the average for dairy herd improvement association herds, showing conclusively the value of good sires. Repairing Machinery—Ordering parts now for machines needing repair will perhaps save a farmer much time later when the season arrives for the use of the machine, agricultural extension engineers with the Pennsylvania State College believe. A rush of orders during the period when the machines are in use may delay delivery. Winter Feeding of Ewes—A nourishing ration fed liberally to the ewe flock will help avoid about 75 per cent of the sheep troubles which ordinarily occur during winter and spring. Claim Penn State livestock specialists. Feeding grain at the right time gives the ewes a chance to prove their real worth. Cutting Trees—Sharpening the cross-cut saw will save a farmer much time and help keep him even-tempered, say extension foresters at the Pennsylvania State College. With a sharp saw, much less time will be required to cut the year's timber and wood supply.

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Tragic Story of Young Girl (Continued from page one) George Martz, College township, Edward Stump, Potter township, George Plick, Huston township, Jacob Frantz, Worth township, Cyrus Durst, Harris township, Reuben Lucas, Howard, William Lytle, Halfmoon township, Emanuel Musser, College township, William H. Noll, Pleasant Gap. A chair owned by G. N. Donaldson, Attapulgus, Ga., stood in the same spot on the front porch for 75 years—so long he legs wore pits nearly an inch deep in the thick flooring

in Brooks Mental Arithmetic and Wentworth's Written Arithmetic, and the girls a number of them had not missed a word in spelling during the entire term and could read splendidly and write so nicely. Not long since at a large family reunion I gave a short address and called the roll of the first school I taught and I was pained to know that one half of those splendid 48 pupils are now sleeping beyond Life's Restless Sea. O, how fleeting are the years of human life. Surely they are as a tale that is told. In the last few decades the schools of today have advanced in leaps and bounds. Over 50% of our taxes are now used to boost the schools. Palaces, with all modern conveniences, and comforts, have been planned and devised. Many millions have been expended, highly proficient teachers are now demanded. Liberal salaries are graded and guaranteed by the Government. Compulsory school law demands every child from 8 to 16, now soon 18, to attend school. Almost every known subject has been added to the curriculum. Specialists and experts in all subjects are employed to meet every condition required. Special courses of lectures are given and extensive equipment is installed so that every advantage is given to aid in the instruction. So that everyone, if possible, can go in at the district hopper and come out at the college spout; all ready to be loaded into the employ of great corporations, or into the overhead of our Government. Not only young men, but young women too. All desire a good salary, and the best of conditions. We are of the opinion, that this physically and financially cannot be done, with the wrecking of our homes, the nations chief corner-stone. We do not desire to belittle or reflect on the many progressive and improved ideas of today, for we have a great and resourceful country, and we are a forward looking people. We would not return to the misty long ago, but it might be well to slow down just a little, get our bearings before we cross the treacherous tracks, where other great nations of note have been wrecked. Ignorance is not the cause of all crime, as we now have over 30,000 college graduates behind the bars. Education seems often to enlarge the capacity of a criminally inclined character. We need to lay stress more on the moral intent of education. I am not real sure, but that we are exploiting too much in athletics. The Americans are noted for carrying good things to an excess. Because some women seem to succeed in a heretofore masculine pursuit is not a banner for hosts of others to emulate such a course. Dr. W. H. H. France, President emeritus of Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island, who served as President over 30 years, said: "He had lived long enough and was convinced beyond all question, that Co-education is all wrong and in the end will wreck our domestic life. Women should not be taught and trained as men to be their competitors, rivals, antagonists and bitter opponents, but were treated by Divine Wisdom to be man's co-worker, his helper, his companion, his sacred mate, joined with him in conjugal love." Yes, today women now demand social rights, political rights, property rights and are kept rivals for the positions and salaries, which leave idle many thousands of young men who being left idle go into crime, and our penal institutions to day are over crowded and our crime bill, reaches the frightful sum of 14 billions a year. Is this not a travesty on our social life and a dangerous menace to our nations welfare? With all the attainments women have acquired, there is no one who can rank above the queenly wife and mother who sheds her power, influence, sanctity and love over a home, where father is king, mother is queen and baby is heir to the throne, or home. "Woman's power is always most potent when robed in gentleness and love." Why not educate to this end? If our home is in danger the nation is slipping. Dr. Jordan late president of Stanford University, said some years ago, that "Higher Education, especially with women, has done more to rob our country of its best blood than war has done." I may be called a back-number, or an old fogey, yet after a life of near four score years, I am impressed with the sacredness of all God ordained and pronounced good for men and his kind. Then let us educate the whole man and his beloved helpmate, each in their proper sphere, one hundred percent, so that angels may rejoice, and that the King and Queen of the soul may occupy the throne down here below, in order that Divine Wisdom may be honored and glorified.

Annual Report of Red Cross Nurse (Continued from page one) fente in October, and the tuberculosis institute at State College. Helped to arrange the Red Cross float for the Halloween parade. The foregoing report will certainly convince the reader that the Red Cross nurse has been in constant demand and found it impossible to respond to all the calls. A comparison of the number of visits made the previous year (1937) shows a decided increase, as much as sixty in certain cases in 1938 over 1937. This very worthwhile service is made possible by membership dues collected during the yearly Red Cross Bell Call, and it is hoped the final report, soon to be published, will insure continuance of this valuable nursing service. Services of the nurse may be secured by telephoning 421-W during office hours, 9-9:30 a. m. 1-1:30 p. m. or visiting the Red Cross headquarters in W. C. T. U. room Petrik-in Hall, at office hours.

Patrons of the sky-high Rainbow Room, one of Manhattan's swankiest supper clubs, were astounded the other evening to see a big, honest-to-goodness crow sitting on one of the chairs puffing a big cigar. The crow, known as Miss Crow, turned out to be one of the new stars of the floor show staged at the Rockefeller Center supper club. Miss Crow, in the course of her act, demonstrated her ability to juggle ping-pong balls, puff on a cigar and do some fancy dance steps.

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