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1912 ANNUAL

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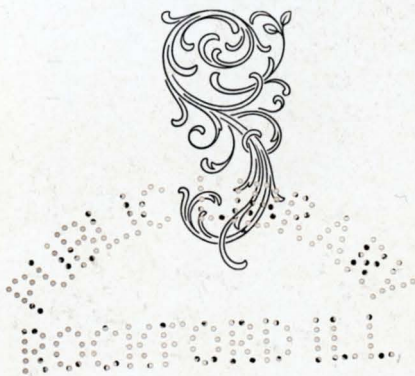


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*Annual*

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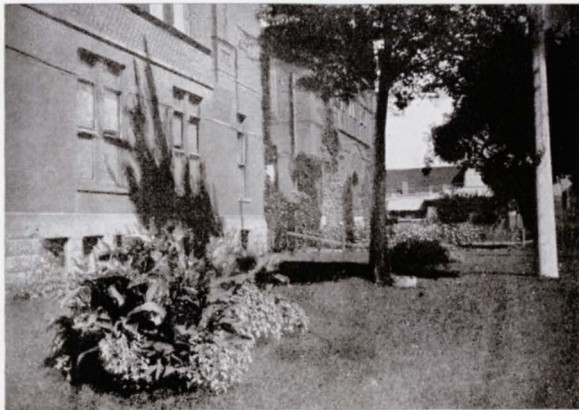


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This is the Story of the Year  
In It are Told the Things that  
You and Your Acquaintances  
and Your Friends have done

It is Offered that You may  
not Forget in Future Years  
what You have Accomplished Here  
To You Who Read It  
Greeting

To the Spirit of  
Rockford High School  
Loyalty  
This Volume is  
Affectionately Dedicated



# *The Order of the Book*

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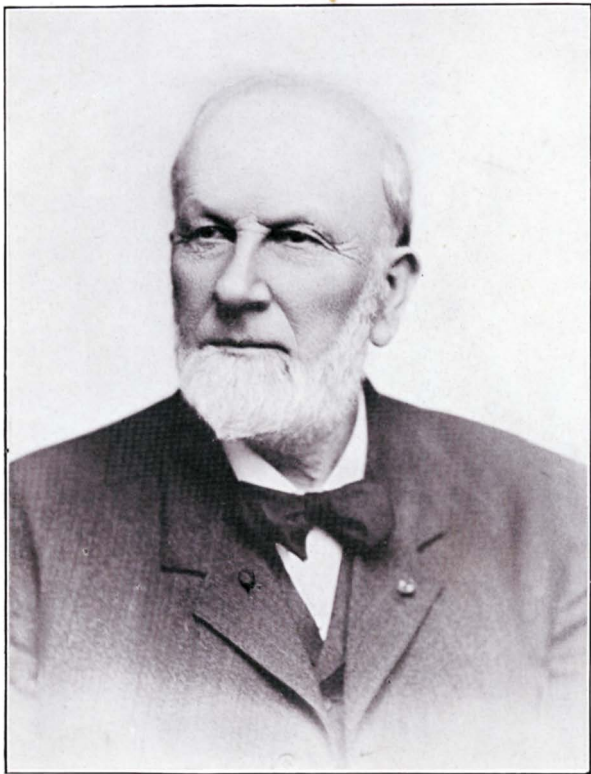
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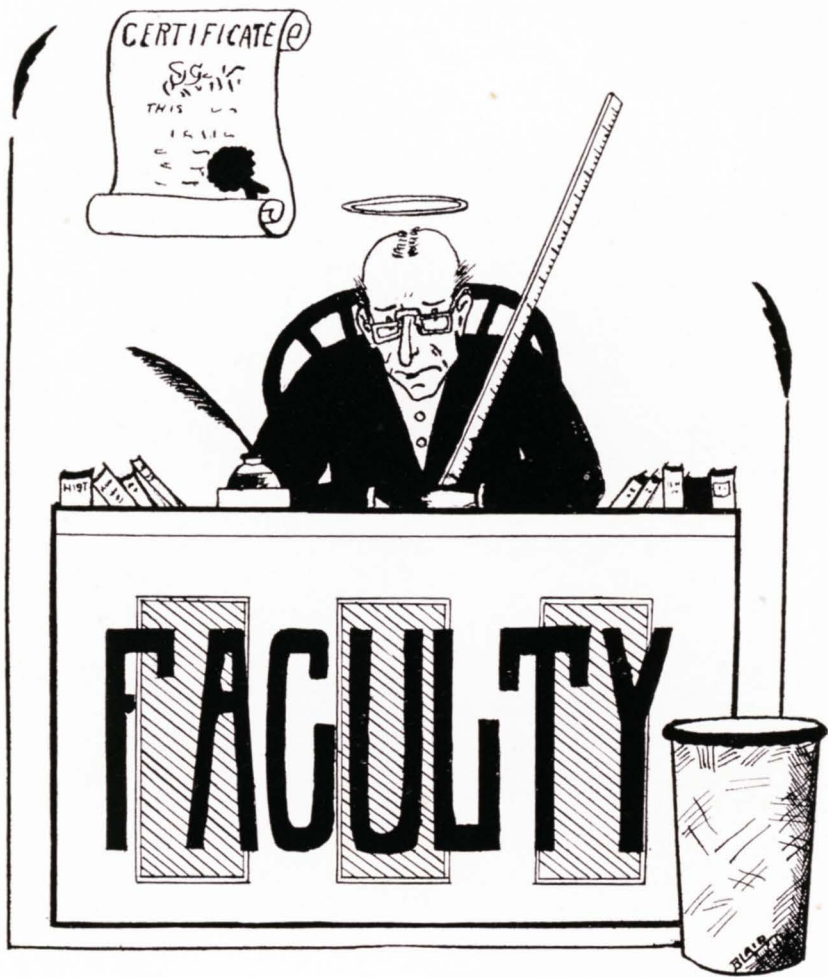
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# *A Tribute to Our Principal*

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*Four years ago, to Rockford High School came  
A teacher—who with heart and soul aflame,  
With pure ideals, and a purpose great,  
The rising youth to lead and educate.*

*Their plastic minds to shape, to train, to bend.*

*At first we feared him, but he quickly proved  
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Secretary to Mr Walker

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*"Lets It Now"*

# SENIORS



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## *Patman's Nation's Progress*

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A QUARTER century ago marks an event worthy of record in connection with the positive development to high efficiency of the education of the youth of our nation. It was then that the class of 1912 graduated from Rockford High School with the firm satisfaction of having left nothing undone which would convince the world of the excellency of a high school.

That this class did their full duty with their studies and training can not be disputed. Positive evidence of this fact may be obtained by referring to Volume XLVI, pp 528-600, of the "Foster Records" The excellent support of the general school industry is not, however, the only support of high school life rendered by this class. In every school activity: athletics, band, literary, and social, she lent her predominating support. In foot-ball, two captains elected from this class each had a championship team. In basket-ball, the captain elected from 1912, led the undisputed champions of Illinois in 1911,

who for their success were awarded a permanent trophy, a beautiful silver cup. Rockford High School, without the speedy track men of this class unquestionably could not have met with the success of champions as they did in 1911. The band, an organization of which the school was duly proud, lost members from every division, by the departure of the seniors. When the management and control of the school paper was turned over to the class, they earnestly shouldered their realized responsibility, and with diligent efforts produced a magazine that was well worth while. Their sociability was shown by their much enjoyed receptions to the other classes. The boys of this class were rightfully credited for lifting their school from a rut in literature and debate. This they did by the organization of a "Philomathean Literary Society", a society which was designed to last throughout the history of the school.

Thus, content with their achievements in adding new laurels to the honor of their (royal) school, the class of 1912 departed, some to seek advancement through further learning, and others to cope with the experiences of life.

## Class of 1912

### COLORS

Black and Gold

### MOTTO

Facta Probent (Deeds Prove)

### YELL

Hullabaloo, who is who?  
Seniors, Seniors,  
One Nine One Two!

### Class Officers

#### First Semester

WARREN ALDRICH

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ELMER DEWEY

Presidents

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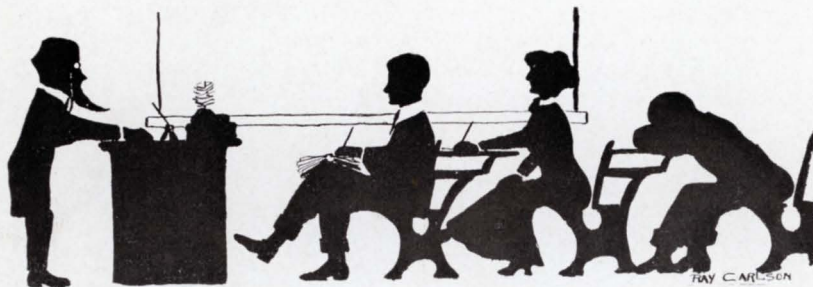
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MAY ROGERS

JULES HOUGHTALING

JOHN CONDON





Warren Aldrich  
Pres. 1st Semester  
"Ick"

*Warren Aldrich. Elmer Dewey*

David O. Anderson  
Pres. 2nd Semester  
"Dave"

*David Anderson. John Condon.*

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Vice-Pres. 1st. Semester  
"Gladdie"

*Gladys Goddard. Ruby Alstrand.*

Mary Rogers  
Vice-Pres. 2nd Semester  
*Mary Rogers.*

Hazel Andrews  
"Andy"  
*Hazel Andrew*

Raymond Carlson  
Sec. 1st Semester  
"Terrible Swen"

*Raymond Carlson*  
*"Pansense"*

Jules Houghtaling  
Sec. 2nd Semester  
"Miss Jules"

*Jules Houghtaling.*  
*Head, End of Housenden.*

Elmer Dewey  
Treas. 1st Semester  
"Lizzie"

John Condon  
Treas. 2nd Semester  
"Flaps"

Ruby Alstrand  
"Rube"

Hazel Andrews  
"Andy"

May Anderson  
"Nils"

Alice Albert  
"Bert"

*Alice Albert*





Charles Alford  
"Chuck"

*Chas. Alford*  
*"Rev. Mal Blimbore"*

Elwood Aldrich  
"Slim"

*Elwood Aldrich*

Walter Aten  
"Tub"

*Walter B. Aten*

Marion Barber  
"Hannah"

*Marion Barber*

Charles Belshaw  
"Belchass"

Claire Bennhoff  
"Bennie"

Bessie Blair  
"Red"

Loretto Blake  
"Betty"

Gertrude Bliss  
"Trude"

Clara Braconier  
"Happy"

*Clara Braconier*

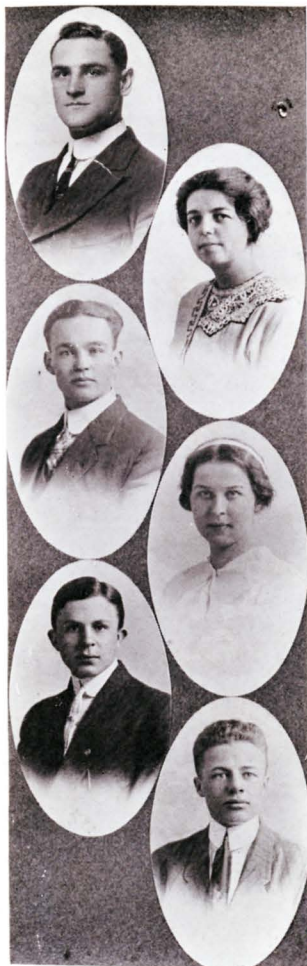
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"Shark"

*Lucinda Bridgeland*

Charles Brown  
"Chuck"

*Chas Brown*





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"Demos"

Florence Burson  
"Flossie"

*Florence Burson*

Roland Cadwell  
"Rolly"

Vera Carpenter  
"Nails"

Walter Chambers  
"Walt"

*Walter Chambers*

Henry Chase  
"Hank"

*Henry Chase*

Pauline Clemmer  
"Polly"

Chellis Clothier  
"Chell"

Marie Coffey  
"Maria"

Alfield Cone  
"Fid"

Paul Conklin  
"Gus"

*Paul Conklin*

William Crandall  
"Bill"





William Cutting  
"Peanut II."

Olga De Vries  
"Billy"

*Olga B. DeVries, Ruth Erffmeyer*

Mabel Douglas  
"Mab"

*Mabel H. Douglas*

Charles Elliott  
"Chuck"

*Charles H. Elliott*

Helen Eaton  
"Prim"

*Helen Eaton*

Ethel Endsley  
"Eppie"

*Ethel Endsley*

Paul Engstrom  
"Brago"

*Paul Engstrom*

Ruth Erffmeyer  
"Slim"

Marie Fish  
"Murmy"

*Marie Fish*

Howard Fitch  
"Harold"

*Howard Fitch*

Harvey Forest  
"Harvey D."

*Harvey Forest*

Chellis French  
"French"





Herbert Gardner  
"Hub"

*Herbert C. Gardner*

Mildred Grant  
"Maid"

*Mildred Grant*

Raymond Grantz  
"Ray"

*Raymond Grantz*

Annetta Gibson  
"Fat"

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"Aster"

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Lillie Gustafson  
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"Katalin"

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Gunheld Hallquist  
"Gunny"

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Elizabeth Hare  
"Rabbit"

*Elizabeth Hare*

Raymond Hayer  
"Steam Cleaned"

*Raymond O. Hayer*





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"Am"

*Amy J. Hollem* *Emma Johnson*

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"Tubby"

*Vera M. Hollenbeck*

Earl Johns  
"Hunk"

*Earl M. Johns '12*

Bernice Johnson  
"Berni"

*Bernice Johnson*

Carl Johnson  
"Hank"

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"Al"

Emma Johnson  
"Em"

Frank Johnson  
"Eckie"

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"Slivers"

*Mabel A. Johnson*

E. May Johnson  
"Fat"

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Ruth Johnson  
"Ruffles"

*Ruth A. Johnson*





Stanley Johnson  
"Stan"

*Stanley Johnson*

Avery Jones  
"Avery Undermounted"

*Avery Jones*

Frances Karlson  
"Fran"

*Frances Karlson*

Marie Kehoe  
"Chuck"

*Marie Kehoe*

Katharine Kelling  
"Biddy"

*Katharine Kelling*

Ruth Keig  
"Kate"

Hazel Kendrick  
"Ezra"

*Hazel Kendrick*

Paul Kerr  
"Bullets"

Elizabeth Kimball  
"Betty"

Grace Klaeger  
"Jennie"

*Grace V. Klaeger*  
*"Lady Munkle"*

Ruth Kumlin  
"Glasses"

Clarence Lander  
"Sunshine"





*Adelbert Landry*

Adelbert Landry  
"Dub"

Bertha Langwill  
"Babe"

Alice Larson  
"Grace"

Winnifred Ledger  
"Winnie"

Minnie Lewis  
"Min"

Edna Lindberg  
"Ed"

Amy Lindblade  
"Ann"

George Lindblade  
"Jigs"

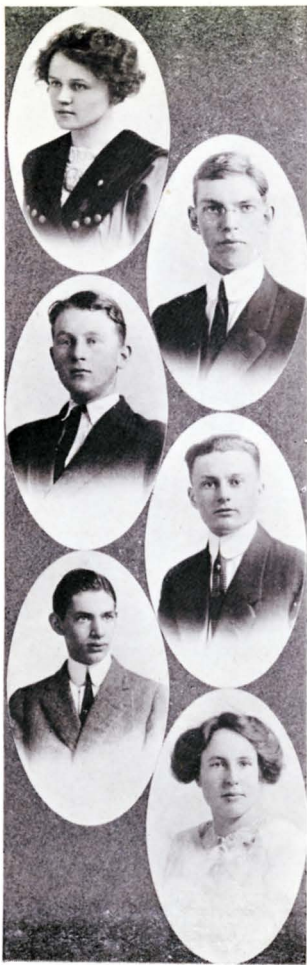
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Stanley Lindblade  
"Gold Dust II."

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"A. E."

Hazel Lindstrom  
"Puffs"





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"Small"

Maynard Lundgren  
"Adam"

Fay McCammond  
"Red"

Harry McClafferty  
"Mac"

Lake McClenaghan  
"Mac"

Doris McFadden  
"Do"

*Doris McFadden*

Jessie McGaw  
"Jess"

Lottie McGregor  
"Lot"

Corbett Mackey  
"Mack"

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"Bill"  
*William Mandeville*  
"Gulsten"

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"Am"

Elsie Marsh  
"Eliza"





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"Jess"

Cassius Maxwell  
"Cash"

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Roy Messner  
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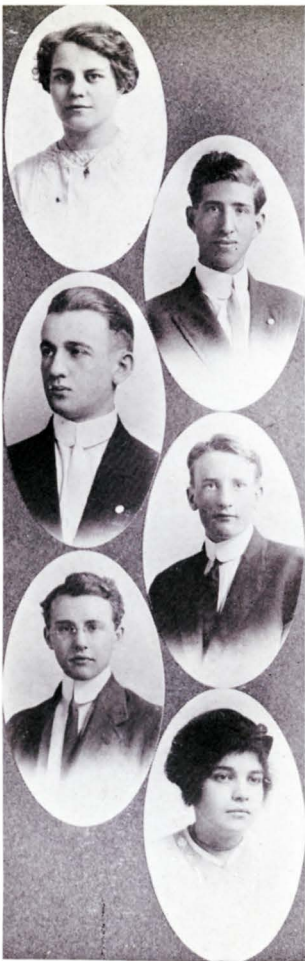
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George Nyman  
"Jigs"

Lulu O'Brien  
"Lu"

Marion Oudin  
"Ody"





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Allen Parker  
"Squawk"

George Patrick  
"Pat"

Carl Paulson  
"Paul"

Harold Pearson  
"Harry"

Hildur Pearson  
"Hilda"

Aura Pearson  
"Aur"

Helen Peterson  
"Pete"

Jennie Peterson  
"Jen"

*Jennie Peterson*

Judith Peterson  
"Jud"

*Judith Peterson*

Mildred Peterson  
"Milly"

*Mildred Peterson*

Kathryn Quirk  
"Kat"

*Kathryn Quirk*





Nelson Reck  
"Nels"  
*Nelson Reck,*

LeRoy Redin  
"Roy"  
*LeRoy Redin*

Robert Rogan  
"Bob"  
*Robert Rogan,*

Roy Ross  
"Freckles"  
*Roy Ross*

Olive Safford  
"Olivia"  
*Olive Safford*

Lydia Sampson  
"Sammy"

Roy Sandberg  
"Sandy"

Ruth Sandeen  
"Rufus"

Ragnhilda Sandstedt  
"Cutey"

Vera Sanford  
"V"

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Grace Santee  
"Gracie"

Edna Schmauss  
"Ed"

*Edna Schmauss,*





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"Hank"

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"Seedy"

*Gerda Seedoff*

Esther Seleen  
"Lean"

Morris Shanhouse  
"Maury"

*Morris Shanhouse*

Fannetta Shiek  
"Fanny"

*Fannetta Shiek*

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Lulu Stevenson  
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Ruth Tait  
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Delia Thompson  
"Tommy"

Ida Thornton  
"Gus"

*Ida Thornton*

Grace Thomas  
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Lawrence Wawe  
"Wady"

Ruth Weingartner  
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"Dub"

Hazel Wilcox  
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La Relda Wing  
"Birdie"

Helen Winquist  
"Fat"

Janet Wormwood  
"Jan"

Margaret Wray  
"Marg"

*Margaret Wray*

Mona Wright  
"Kitty"

Clarence Algren  
"Whitie"

Earl Gary  
"Gary"

Erwin Kendell  
"Erv"

Martha Mensel  
"Matt"

Arthur Wright  
"Art"



## *Class Poem*

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Should you ask me whom I speak of,  
What illustrious class I write of,  
With the name and fame of Seniors,  
I should answer, I should tell you—  
Of the class of Rockford High School  
Nineteen twelve, A. D. the year is.  
Then the sun god gives to mortals  
One more day, and calls it Leap Year,  
Then the maidens in the wigwams  
Have a chance to choose their warriors.  
This a mighty Leap Year class is,  
Class of braves and laughing maidens,  
Who, with Mr. Briggs, our chieftain,  
Four short years have spent in High School.  
To many teachers have we harkened,  
Listened to their words of wisdom,  
Listened to the truths they taught us,  
As to class-room after class-room  
Rushed we madly in our effort  
To o’ertake an education,  
Learning that would make us famous,  
All to chieftain’s seats aspiring.  
Bro’t up on the pure boiled water,  
On the boiled and tested water,  
Ladled out by brave young warriors,  
Warriors at each earthen jar,  
Water that the Gods might drink of,  
Water that our Norris passed on;  
Germs did not infect our progress,  
Evil spirits did not harm us.  
Every month we were rewarded  
For our efforts in the class-room,  
For our brilliant recitations  
By a small, white slip of paper,  
Covered with some hieroglyphics,  
Picture-painting which the sages—  
Skilled by many years of practice

Aided by their wondrous talent —  
Gave with different shades of meaning,  
Made some happy, saddened others.  
Nineteen twelve is also famous  
In all youthful sports and pastimes,  
Which have caused all tribes and nations,  
Who did not possess such warriors,  
Eagerly to offer treaty,  
Gladly to pass 'round the peace-pipe.  
Some there are who brought us glory,  
Learned in all the lore of old men.  
None can equal them in eloquence,  
Matchless in gestulation.  
We have persevered and labored,  
Ever mindful of our motto,  
Striving always to "Stick to It"  
With a firm, unswerving purpose.  
Now our tribe is onward moving,  
Leaving taske and lessons finished,  
Soon we'll have the bit of parchment,  
The reward of all our labors.  
So we'll say—"Farewell forever!"  
Say "Farewell, O, Rockford High School!"  
May the host of underclassmen  
Still uphold our fame and glory,  
Never stain the name we love best,  
Never shame our Alma Mater

PAULINE CLEMMER  
HAZEL WILCOX  
MARY ROGERS



## Class Prophecy

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**T**ODAY as I passed along the streets, I met a band of high school boys and girls. They brought back to me my own school days, and tonight, as I sit before the cheerful fire of the hearth, the remembrance clings.

Ten long years have passed since we were seniors. Yes, ten, though it seems but yesterday, that we, the Class of 1912, were together—chasing up and down the stairs, dodging pedagogue sentinels, and knocking down Freshies. We little thought of our futures then—but now! How things differ, what a change a few years have wrought!

As I gaze into the fire, it all returns to me. I see the old school house in all its intellectual glory, and its inmates with all their thoughtless conceit. But, lo! The scene changes. What I have just recalled is the past. Oh, what a difference a half-score years have made! Now I see a pile of ashes, that used to be our high school. This woeful disaster was caused only last year by the friction of the “unusually green” freshmen in their grand rush to the “Annual Assembly”.

Again the scene has change. Here comes a motley host of men and women. Good Guns, it's the class of 1912! Now each member of the class appears before me with his particular tale of joy or sadness. Here is our President, David Anderson. Who'd a thunk it! Poor Dave has had bad luck. He engaged in the drug business on the Fiji Islands, was found guilty of nihilism and sent as an exile to Siberia.

Bertha Langwill steps forth. She married a German farmer Frankfort is now the place of their happy abode.

Lucinda Bridgeland is a suffragette leader of some prominence in Winnebago.

The deacon of the largest church in Kirkland is Claire Bennehoff.

Our orator, Irving Brown, is still using his voice to great advantage. People strain their ears to hear his precious words, for he is “train caller” at the Harrisville C. M. & G. Depot.

Roy Ross is working in a gingersnap factory in Harlem. He likes the trade and is doing well.

Snow's System of Sewing is now becoming more popular under the guidance of Ruth Erffmeyer and Ethel Endsley

Ray Carlson is a man of many professions and talents. By day, he is editor of the Cherry Valley News and manager of the Ten-Cent Store, where he sells at reasonable prices his many souvenirs which he gathered at parties, confectionery stores, etc. By night he is "social dancer" at the Valley Vaudeville.

Alfield Cone and Walter Chambers are inseparable. They were "tied up" four years ago and all we can do is to wish them more health, wealth and happiness.

Bernice Johnson takes "Papa's Place" in R. H. S.

The second Carrie Nation of the times is Madam Mabel Johnson. Woe unto all concerned.

Gertrude Bliss has a primary school of one pupil in a little house just made for two. They get along very nicely

Years change John Condon greatly. His build now fits his profession. He is Chief of Police in Milwaukee.

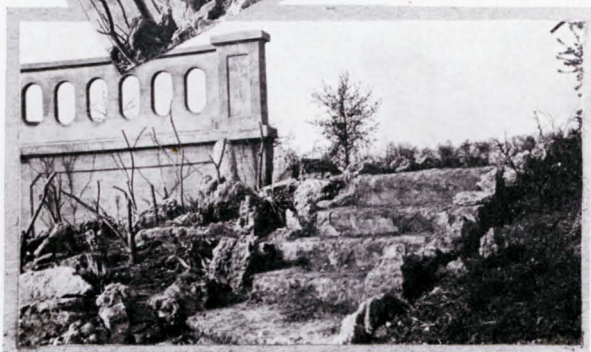
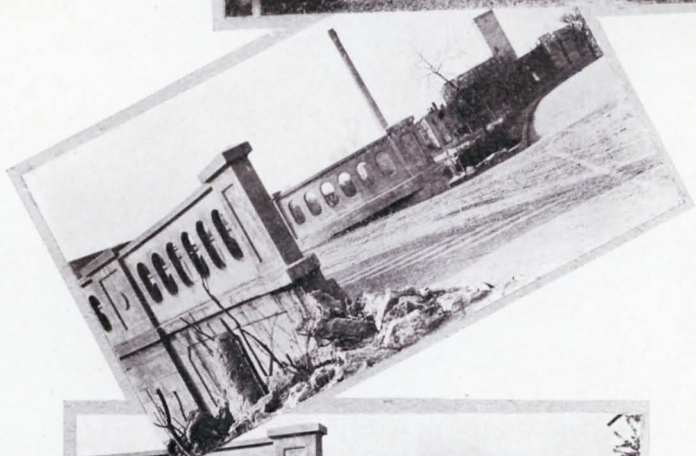
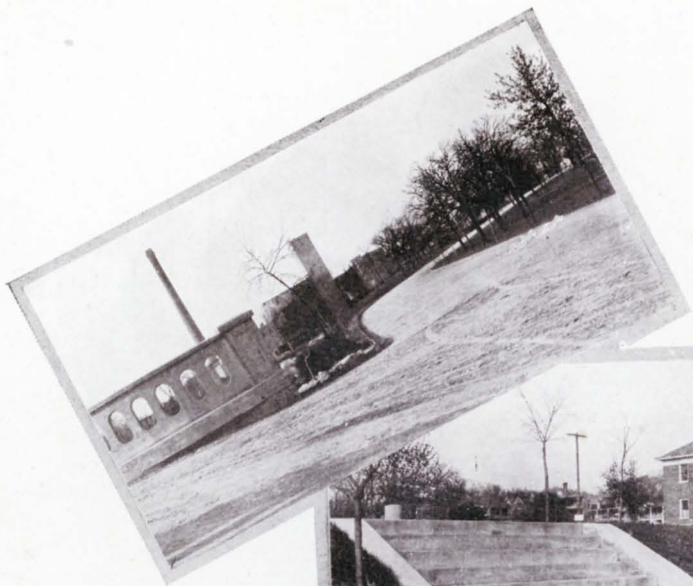
Robert Smith, Elmer Dewey, and Jules Houghtaling are still good pals. Bob is the leader of the Salvation Army. As a result of Jules's commercial course in high school, he is a clerk in the Hess Department Store—selling rats, puffs and switches. Elmer is winning great renown as a window trimmer in the Canary Islands. He is especially noted as an artistic "lady-dummy" decorator

Fannetta Shiek is a famous clairvoyant. Her friend, Olga Schnell, conducts a beauty parlor for friends only. She is doing noble work for humanity in removing paint, dyes and powders.

Elmo Sundquist aspires even higher—yea, even unto the skies—for he is a Methodist Minister

Clarence Lander follows his artistic impulse and hopes to win a place in the Hall of Fame. He is at the present time a sign painter. Katherine Kelling, a fellow artist, is a designer for Sears & Roebuck. She has made wonderful designs for baby-carts and milk wagons.

Our politicians are many. Paul Kerr is the candidate for President on the Socialist ticket—will probably win, if he doesn't lose. Helen Sheldon is an enthusiastic suffragette. She spends her time fighting with men and gentlemen. William Mandeville is now the Mayor of Winnebago. He was elected by an overwhelming majority of three votes. Cassius Maxwell is a candidate for Superintendent



of County Schools. His prospects are based on efficient teaching in New Milford. Hazel Wilcox is City Clerk in Rochelle and Carl Paulson is City Engineer of Perryville.

Clarence Ahlgren is an agent for Indian motorcycles. He helps fill the city treasury with numerous "speed limit fines."

Hazel Lindstrom is a noted hair dresser and a special dealer in puffs.

Minnie Lewis conducts a cat hospital on Eighteenth Avenue. The building is known by the pink curtains.

Martha Nelson is keeping house in St. Paul. Mr Paul Conklin is a pedagogue in Minnesota, also helps keep house.

Some of our athletes have continued in the same line of work. Chellis Clothier is pitcher for the Cubs. Vera Sanford is a noted roller skater. She is now giving private lessons in Harlem Park. Frank Johnson is an acrobat in Barney & Bailey Circus. Corbett Mackey is a noted pole-vaulter at all Olympic games. Charles Elliott is dancing master at Unity Hall, very prominent at College Proms. Avery Jones is a cowboy in the wild and woody West. Carl Johnson pushes the broom at the Nelson House. Roy Messner has succeeded in many trades, but has resorted to the profession of a light weight pugilist. Lake McCleneghan is famed for speed. He intends trying out for the next Marathon race. Earl Garey is a practical "Jack-of-all-Trades."

Walter Aten and Hazel Whitmore are married, living on the fifty-third floor of a small flat in New York.

Mabel Douglas is the chief librarian in the new Carnegie Library at Davis Junction.

Ruthe Keig makes a good livelihood as head clerk of Mr Carlson's Five and Ten Cent Store.

Beulah Palm and Ragnhilde Sandstedt have engaged in the hobble-skirt business in South Africa.

Stage news is not wanting in the class of '12. Mildred Rice is a noted Vaudeville singer—has a beautiful and shrill voice. Mary Rogers is starring in the latest drama, "The Lose Lover", in New York City. Marie Fish is a chorus girl, making great hits amateur nights at the Star Picture Parlor. Eugene Spafford is stage director of the Orpheum.

Lulu Stevenson is an agent for Mellen's Baby Food, makes a fortune every year.

May Anderson married a minister from Delaware, Ohio. He is satisfied, so she ought to be.

George Nyman follows in the path of Terpsichore and becomes a shining light in Boston society.

Morris Shanhouse went to college, was expelled for disobedience and late hours, so ran away and joined a band of gypsies in Oregon.

Earl Johns has a large dog farm near Belvidere.

Roy Sandberg sells popcorn and peanuts on Seventh Street.

Henry Chase, now a lawyer, had a debate with William Crandall on the question "Did South Carolina secede?". The former was badly defeated, retired from civil life and became a patent medicine barker.

Florence Burson still continues her violin lessons and is widely famed—but has removed to the windy West.

Esther Seleen teaches Swedish in the University of Ridott, Ill.

Harold Pearson is an electrical engineer. He invented an electrical alarm clock.

Jessie McGaw is a nurse in a hospital for (love) sick men.

Seven of my girl school mates are engaged in the automobile business. They are: Helen Eaton, May Johnson, Doris McFadden, Jessie Martin, Julia Sweet, Helen Peterson and Jennie Peterson. They have made many successful trips to Cherry Valley, Guilford and Harlem, and are very accomodating in taking out their friends.

Walter Sheldon is a missionary in China.

Edna Lindberg conducts a millinery store on South Main Street.

Roland Cadwell and Mildred Grant are married. Mr. Cadwell is a successful husband, so the neighbors say.

New Milford is a thriving burg since Katheryn Quirk established the poultry business there.

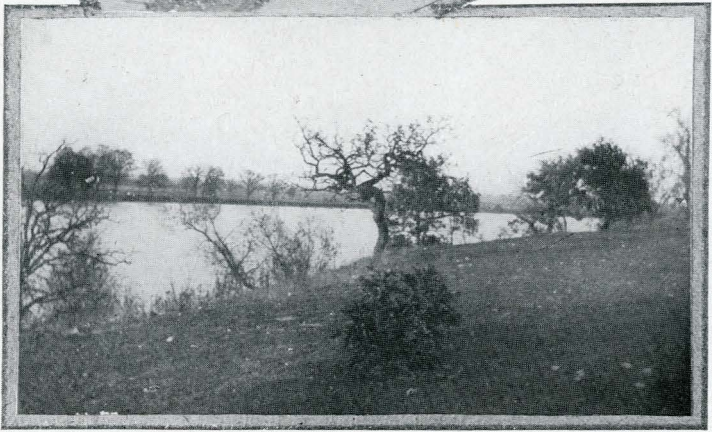
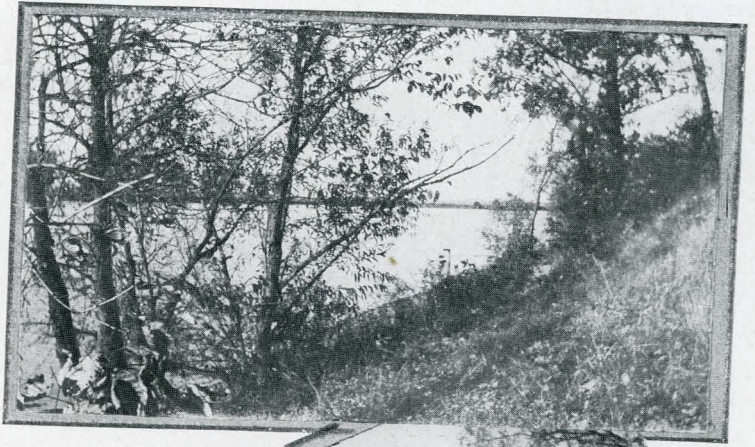
Howard Fitch and Fay McCammond have a large aeroplane factory in Guilford.

Vera Hollenbeck is Superintendent of the Rockford Public Schools. She is strictly enforcing the rules against giggling.

Raymond Hayer is an undertaker in the Philippine Islands.

The ladies' man of the town is Sir Raymond Grantz. He is known to young girls as a "sport"; to old maids as a "darling"; to married women as a "flirt".

Marie Coffey is governess for a millionaire family in Chicago.



Stanley Johnson is the editor of a new magazine called, "The School, the Home, and the Family (including the mother-in-law.)"

Elsie Stocking went out West to teach school. She fell in love with a miner, who was only four and one-half feet tall. A very romantic courtship followed.

The Harlem Consolidated School Band has become famous under the leadership of George Patrick.

Emory Hall is tax collector of Rockford township. He gained his experience in high school.

Alice Larson graduated from Rockford College with honors. She is now working for a Ph. D. degree in an eastern college. Mr. Grigsby waits very patiently.

Amy Hollem teaches U. S. History in R. H. S. She holds the same position as Mrs. Thomas did in our school days, following in the footsteps of "Jameson, Newton and Treat." Her pupils are known to every one on account of their knowledge, as a result of being walking historical libraries.

Edna Schmauss married a steeple-jack; now her hope is very high.

Charles Alford is a physician in Savannah. He is especially noted for selling comet and cyclone pills to the negroes, and for writing prescriptions pertaining to diseases of the eye-drums and ear-balls.

Grace Thomas is the assistant Art Teacher under Miss Brantingham at R. H. S. She is also an advocate of "high-lights", "vanishing-points", "high-necked sleeves", "long-necked dresses" and "gallant boys". She has been twice censor of the Phillipic.

Gladys Goddard went abroad. She attracted much attention from the other sex and married an English earl, sixty years of age, who suddenly died after six months of married life. Grief-stricken, she returned to New York, where she is now residing in a swell mansion—thanks to the earl. At the present time she is receiving attention from a Squire, and there are prospects of her winning another title.

Charles Brown is a bartender at the "Pal." His motto and warning to customers is: "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you will come again!"

Ruth Sandeen is a world-famed stenographer. She can write one thousand words per minute, and sing ragtime at the same time.

LaRelda Wing missed her "Schantz" while teaching school, but, having become a nature lover, she lives in the devotion of a "Forrest".

Winnifred Ledger has become a philanthropist. She is noted for her many gifts and her general attitude of generosity.

Walter Sturm is a scientist and teacher of Bugology in Elgin H. S. He has recently discovered where the polywogs' tails go, just before they become frogs.

Ruth Kumlin and Amy Lindblade preside over the Temperance Rooms on Seventh Street.

Reuben Swenson is a side-walk contractor in Alaska.

Lawrence Wade eloped with an actress. After spending a moderate fortune on the honeymoon, he returned to his new home in Chicago, where he and the actress took charge of the side shows at the White City, and where they will be glad to receive any of their friends as performers.

George Lindblade is known as the Fourteenth Avenue Capitalist.

Loretto Miller lives "all alone" in a small cottage in Roscoe. She enjoys her books, cat and parrot.

Warren Aldrich was rejected by his "love". He took Paris Green and proved that he had a good constitution by pulling through with the aid of six doctors and as many nurses. He is now a woman hater and travels for the Rockford Overall Factory.

Charles Belshaw is still a mathematics shark. He discovered the theory of the fifth dimension.

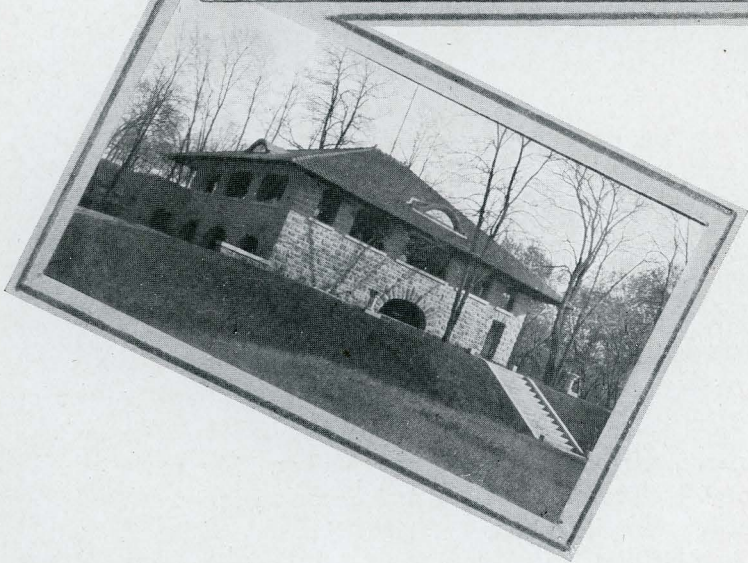
Chellis French is seldom seen, for he spends most every day in the woods.

Adelbert Landry is a dealer in "stogies" for Fay Lewis. He is his own best customer.

Nelson Reck and Robert Rogan are bankers and brokers—mostly broke.

Herbert and Stanley Lindblade are traveling agents for Gold Dust. They are practical demonstrators—can talk your arm off in English, Swedish or French.

Hazel Andrews is a noted chalk-talker. She recently gave an illustrated lecture on the First and Second Battles of Bull Run in Rockford, under the auspices of Mrs. Thomas and the D. A. R. She made a great hit!



Elizabeth Hare is America's latest nature poet, a wonderful picture of Human Nature.

The fame of Maynard Lundgren as a spieler in H. S. has not yet died out. He is now a gas man.

Grace Klaeger has been speechless for two years. She can **hardly Utter** a word. There are hopes for her recovery.

Irma Haffner is chief musician in Bodfors' School of Music.

Marion Little is a cateress. She recently officiated with great success at the wedding of Fritz Nelson and Judith Peterson.

Olive Safford and Nellie Scoville are running a fancy-work establishment on Fourteenth Avenue.

Clara Braconier is working in the Telephone exchange in Harrisville. She knows all the local news.

Lillie Gustafson is bookkeeper for Johnson's Motorcycle Garage.

Hudah Johnson is advertising for a gentleman correspondent—with the view of matrimony. Has received many responses, but is so particular that she is still undecided.

Harry McClafferty is editor of Joke Department of the Ladies' Home Journal, called "It takes the Irish to beat the Dutch".

Ervin Kindell is a repairer for the Bell Telephone Co. He is not afraid of falling.

Annetta Gibson is teacher of the second grade in Pecatonica. She is famous for turning down gentlemen callers, because of the pedagogical teachings of Mr. Haight concerning good teachers, late hours, and married life.

William Cutting is an architect of good standing.

Arthur Wright is a printer; is always right.

Amy Marks is choir leader in the First Lutheran Church, Rockford, Illinois.

Harvey Forrest is a first-class optician. He can fit glasses to anyone, whether they are needed or not. He is also a collector and consumer of all broken window panes and glass doors.

Olga DeVries married a San Francisco millionaire during her second year of college. The man proved to be a counterfeiter. Both escaped to Australia, and nothing has been heard of them for several months.

Elva Johnson is running a truck farm just south of town.

Ruby Ahlstrand teaches music at home with great success.

Alice Albert received a legacy from a long lost uncle in Klondike. She is now traveling in all parts of Europe. Loretto Blake is accompanying her.

Mr. Gardner is an experienced hash-slinger in the White Front Restaurant in Beloit.

Lillian Messner was rescued from a western school teacher's destiny by the opening of a mysterious "Doerr".

Allen Parker is second violinist in the "Sam Hill Orchestra", now on a concert tour to Europe.

Lottie McGregor flits and flies from one occupation to another and continually says "Oh (P)Shaw! I don't care!"

Edward North is the author of a German pony. Herr Stedinger repeatedly recommends hunting him down with blood hounds.

Marie Kehoe has just made her debut. She is now a full-fledged Cherry Valley Belle.

Marion Oudin and Frances Karlson have compiled a German dictionary—all modern idioms, slang phrases inserted.

Elizabeth Kimball is the president of a Woman's Literary Club. Please bring dictionaries to Britannica Cyclopedias.

Ellwood Aldrich is helped by his track training to get out of the way of the girls.

Vera Carpenter is still biting the "Bates" for automobile rides.

Martha Mensel has had domestic trouble which started by her putting pepper in his coffee on April Fool's Day. But then, all's well that ends well.

Janet Wormwood conducts a school of Beauty Culture in Elgin.

Howard Williams is trying out for Joke Editorship of a New Milford paper.

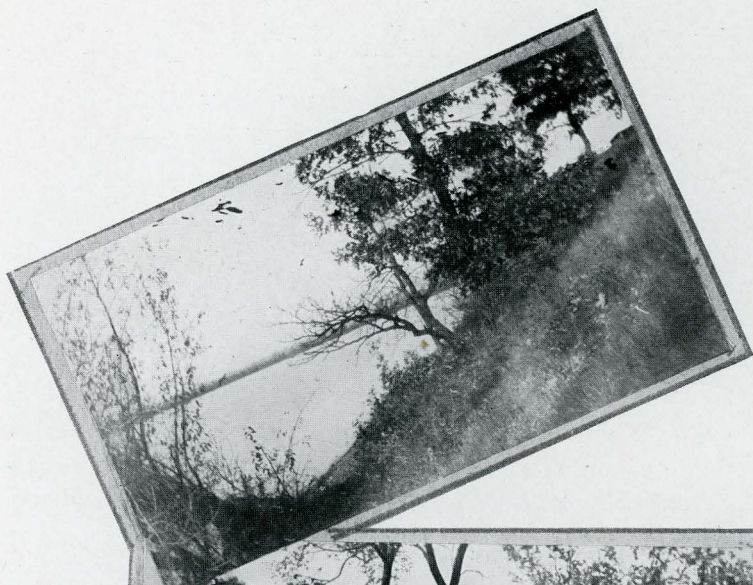
Grace Santee is assistant astronomer in U. S. Government Observatory. She discovered invaluable data concerning moon and sky (mostly honey-moons and sky-larks).

Aura Pehrson has taken up landscape gardening and caused quite a revolution among our city parks.

Robert Murphy is the potato king in Ireland.

Willard Lindsay is a "Ford" chauffeur. He is noted for grubbing out trees, and is worse than motorcycle Mike.

Pauline Clemmer is a composer of music. Makes great love song hits.



Mildred Peterson and Gerda Seedoff are doing remarkable work in the slum districts of Chicago. They are advocates of soap, water and work.

Lydia Sampson is a stenographer for Coca-Cola Bottling Works Co., in Chili.

Hazel Kendrick is a clerk in Panagakis' West Side Confectionery Store. She handles all candy at reduced prices; kisses a specialty.

Marion Barber married a keeper of a light-house. She is now a light-house keeper in Cape Cod.

Hildur Pearson is the author of a book called "The necessity of teaching English in H. S." This is very popular among students.

Ruth Johnson bears the name of Ericson now. With the help of her better half she conducts a grocery store on Thirty-first Street.

The soundness of Ida Thornton's mind is never doubted, but her selfishness is often questioned. She is now writing volumes (containing the information gathered and carefully preserved for the last fifteen years by herself) and storing them in a vault in the Third National Bank.

Ruth Weingartner is a Domestic Arts teacher in an Esquimeaux School.

LeRoy Redin is searching for the pole by means of airship.

Elsie Marsh is dean for a Southern school for girls.

Berniece Weldon is a leader of the Socialist party in Rockford. She is gaining great success through "those eyes", which are loadstones to ambitious young men.

Paul Engstrom set out to seek his fortune in the diamond mines of South Africa.

Astrid Gustafson is the grocer in Monroe Center. She gets all the trade for miles around.

Emma Johnson is a scientist and tutor for flunkers thereof—the hope of the hopeless.

Beatrice Sim is an assistant Physical Training teacher in Beloit H. S. She is an enthusiastic advocate of the "Bear Cat" for all physical purposes.

Delia Thompson is principal of Latham High School.

Ruth Tait wants a man. She is now searching in Russia for one, as the last resort.

Lulu O'Brien is the pianist in Knox's Five and Ten Cent Store. Clifford Hance is captain of Guilford's base-ball team. Almost champions!

Gunhild Hallquist attended Beloit College. She now thinks there is nothing like Co-Ed. It cured her!

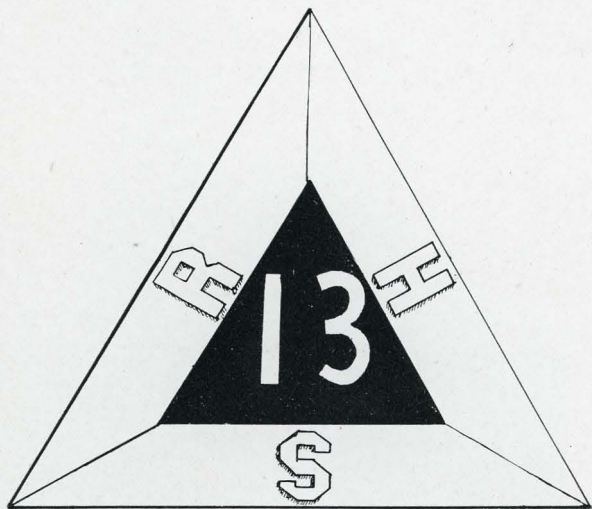
Helen Winquist is private secretary for Jane Addams.

Margaret Wray is bookkeeper for a leading piano firm. She is better than an adding machine, on account of her speed and accuracy.

Mona Wright is a missionary teacher in Java.

The fire dies out; all my old school mates have vanished with the smoke. No, I see one more. One, who has almost passed into oblivion. That one is Bess Blair, now the lady of leisure (alias fat-lady) in Ringling's Circus.





JUNIORS

# Class of 1913

COLORS:—Light Blue and Gold.

MOTTO:—Give us Wisdom, or De saprentiam noblis.

## Class Officers

*First Semester*

CLARENCE BURR

*Second Semester*

LESTER WEIFENBACK

Presidents

LOUISE KERN

PEARL BIDLACK

Vice-Presidents

WILLISTON RECKHOW

HENRY UTTER

Secretaries

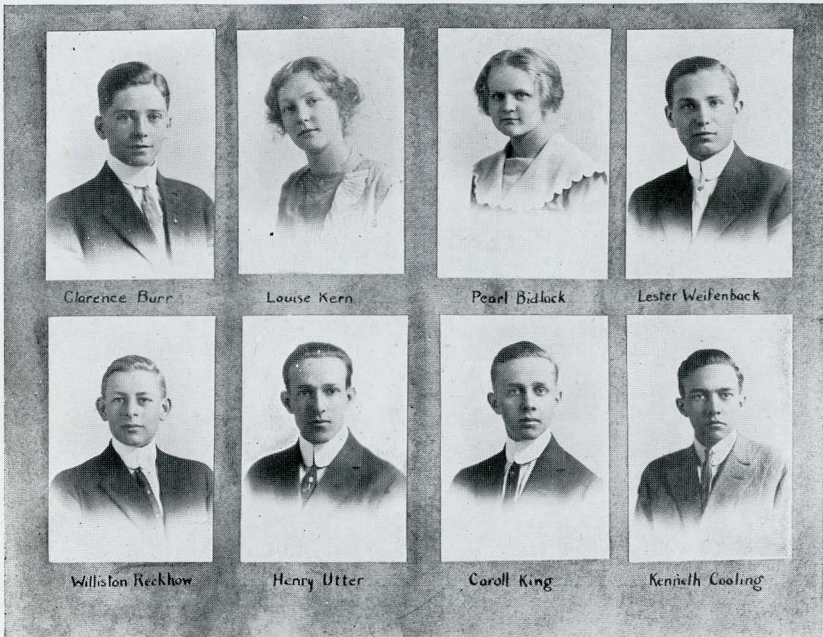
KENNETH COOLING

CARROLL KING

Treasurers

## Class Yell

Boom jig boom, boom jig boom,  
 Boom jig a rig a jig a boom jig,  
 Rip ray res, Rip ray res,  
 Class of '13, well I guess.



Clarence Burr

Louise Kern

Pearl Bidlack

Lester Weifenback

Williston Reckhow

Henry Utter

Carroll King

Kenneth Cooling

## *The End of the School Year*

So June has come at last, we say,  
June and our freedom, Blessed day!  
We're glad just to be young and strong,  
To live and laugh and sing our song,  
For we are free today!

Yet June is bringing us the end  
Of many things we long have loved:  
The daily touch of some dear friend,  
The elbows we have daily shoved,  
We'll know no more in summer.

For time will always bring a change  
To Freshmen small and Seniors tall;  
The end of things within our range,  
Of things that we began last fall.

Now all these things will cease.

For underclassmen, one and all  
This has but little meaning now,  
But for the Seniors, large and small,  
It seems to settle on the brow

In one deep scowl of sadness.

Here in our dear old R. H. S.,  
They've laughed away the happy days  
(With an occasional recess  
To learn some new, contrary ways)  
For four short years ago.

And now has come the time to go  
Out to the cold and haughty world;  
And there the effect of training show,  
And make impressions on that world  
By great and bright successes.

How very, very much they'll miss  
The friendships of their schoolmates then,  
And what will be their joy and bliss,  
In making new acquaintances,  
To think upon the old.

I'm not a Senior, No, Oh no!  
I would not be one if I could,  
For next year I am going to be,  
If I am very, very good,  
And have my lessons well.

But they have all the sympathy  
Of one who's their devoted friend,  
Of one who hates to see them go,  
And who their broken hearts would mend  
At this sad time of parting.

M. L. K. '13.

## *Junior Class History*

What about the Juniors? Everybody is well acquainted with us. Are we not the life of the school? Are not our voices heard at all games, especially the '13 girls, while the boys nobly perform in athletics? For the sake of the ignorant we will write our History.

After graduating from the eighth grade we came to R. H. S. expecting to be treated with due respect. We were somewhat surprised at the taunts, jeers, and hoots which welcomed us, but then we knew that it was from jealousy. We were the pride of the school and delighted our teachers hearts (?) by our brilliant recitations and glorious flunks, for we did everything thoroughly, even in flunking. The boys were very brave in getting away with the skeleton which haunted us in Physiology.

During our Sophomore year we became expert with the chalk and string. The innumerable "Why's" appeared everywhere. When we became Juniors, we accomplished everything we undertook, even to making people believe that things are so that aren't and never could be. We learned all about electricity, light, and sound. Our debates were especially thrilling. We have shown that we are strong in class spirit and feel well able to attain the position of Seniors from which we will proudly view our career in the Rockford High.

W. R. '13.

L. K. '13.



WHAT SOME OF US NEED

'14



**SOPHOMORES-**

# Class of 1914

**COLORS**

Red and White

**MOTTO**

Always Ready

**Officers**

*First Semester*

RALPH JOHNSON

NORMA BOON

CAROL KING

ALICE FREEMAN

*Second Semester*

FRANKLIN RECK

LOUISE ROGERS

JOHN DALY

STANLEY STORY

Presidents

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**YELL**

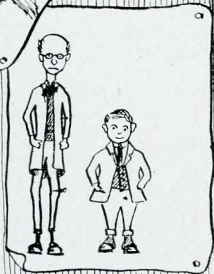
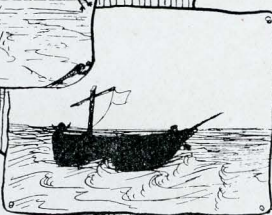
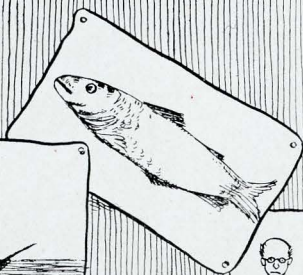
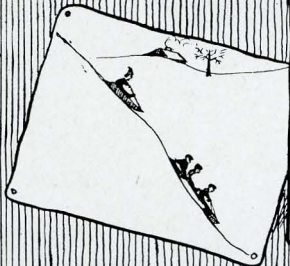
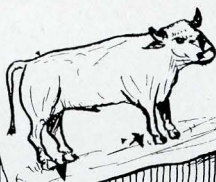
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One, Nine, One, Four,

The Soph, The Soph, The Soph-o-more!



# MEMBERS of the FACULTY.



## Sophomore Class History

When we entered, we were as green as the ordinary Freshies, but it didn't take us long to rub off the green and put on a wise look. We overcame the difficulties of Algebra and Bellum Helveticum. Now we have left the first stake in our High School career and gone on to harder things such as Plane Geometry and Caesar. Some of us are braving the terrors of Room 15. But the class room is not the only place where we show our prowess. We have representatives on the football, basketball, and band. Our teacher say that there never were any like us, but they are not the only ones who think so either. No one can deny that we are a great class. What other class in the second year has produced such heroes as Jene Welch and Diana Johnson? We will show this high school a great class in the future.

### EVOLUTION OF A SOPHOMORE







Walter Lamont

Carolyn Brown

Dorothy Barber

Everette Allaben

# Class of 1915

COLORS Purple and Gold

*First Semester*

WALTER LAMONT

CAROLINE BROWN

RUTH BACON

PAUL MORGAN

## Officers

Presidents

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Secretaries

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*Second Semester*

EVERETTE ALLABEN

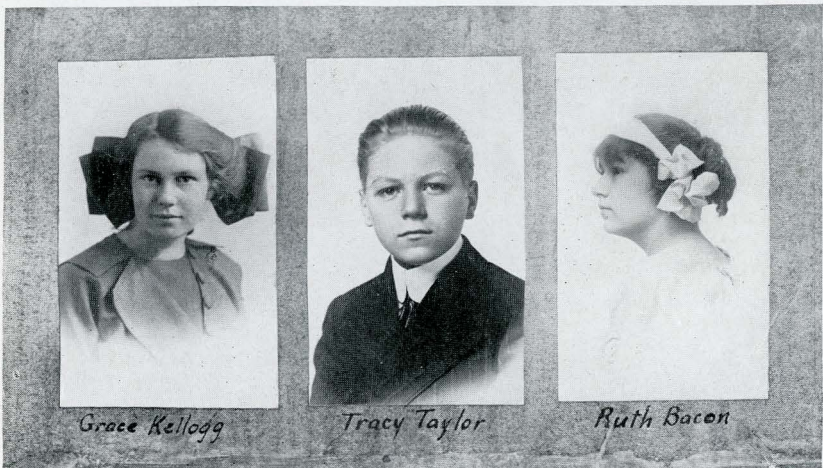
DORTHY BARBOUR

TRACY TAYLOR

GRACE KELLOGG

Ice cream, soda water, ginger ale, and pop  
1915 is always on the top,  
Stand them on their head,

Stand them on their feet,  
1915 can't ever be beat.



Grace Kellogg

Tracy Taylor

Ruth Bacon



## Freshman Class History

Mr. Editor:—

I have been told that you are in want of the history of the Class of 1915, and take it as my duty to render that information.

The Class of '15 is the greatest class that ever entered the R. H. S. By this statement I mean that the class of '15 is the best looking class, the most modest class, and the most considerate class. Excuse me, Mr. Editor, I don't mean to be egotistical, but am telling you the truth of the class of '15. I forgot to say that kindness to our superiors is one of our chief characteristics, in fact we sometimes take off our hats to the upper classmen.

I think I will have to close my letter now as it is getting very long, and besides I have told you almost all of the history of the Class of '15. Really don't you think that our history is very great? I was talking to a Junior the other day who told me that we should have the history of the Class of '15 published in a book form. He also said that we should put it on sale at the book stores in Rockford, Cherry Valley, Harlem, Roscoe, and other large cities. I am sure that if Mr. I. Brown, of the Senior class, would accept the position of traveling salesman for the Class of '15, money could be made in the investment.

Well, as it is two o'clock in the morning and I haven't my Algebra, I will have to close my letter, but I wish to say that the coming event of the next three years will be the Freshmen, who will come in debate, oratory, athletics, and **wisdom**.

Your Obedient Servant,

I. B. A. FRESHMAN.

P. S.—I would like to have you advise me on the publishing of the history of the Class of '15.



# ECHOES

R. H. S.

ALUMNI

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

Long ago, the graduates of the East Side High School met annually at the home of their principal as did the West Side High School. These meetings were merely social gatherings with no special purpose.

When the present High School was built in 1885, the Alumni Association was formed. The purpose of this association was to give the older members an opportunity to meet and welcome the graduating class. This association is still in existence and holds its annual meeting the night after commencement.

The meeting usually begins with a short business session, followed by a program which opens with a speech of welcome to the new members, and answered by one of their representatives. The entering class usually contributes to the program either with the class song or a musical number. After the program refreshments are served, and dancing rounds out the evening.

The meetings were held for some time in Mendelssohn Hall, finally for the last two years, they have been held in the High School.

Not as many of the older Alumni attended the meetings as the association would like, so that the purpose of the organization is almost lost. No organization can stand without support; the Alumni are all loyal, so why do they not show their loyalty by being present at the annual meeting?

## TO GRADUATES

The Alumni Association is, of, and for the graduates of the R. H. S. The association membership is composed of its gradu-

ates; it exists by their volition, it is for the reception of the commencement class, for the reviving of the young spirit of the older classes, for the renewing of old acquaintances once young, and above all its is for the Rockford High School.

As a graduate of the R. H. S., are you doing your duty by this association? Do you avail yourself of its privileges? And may it be understood



that the purpose of this article is that all Alumni members resolve that in this and coming years they will strengthen their interest in the association, at least to the extent of their being present at each annual meeting.

J. B. S. '99

## ALUMNI RECORDS

There are no permanent records of the Alumni of our High School since 1896. Of course the names may be found by going to the office in R. H. S. but there is no indication as to where the graduates are at present and what they are doing. Even the members of one class have no idea or record as to where their own class-mates are today.

While the Alumni department of this Annual was being compiled, much

information was obtained which with very little additional work would bring our Alumni records up to date. A great deal of this material, which, ed by representatives of every class, could not be included in these pages for want of space.

Why should we Alumni not have a book of our own, as large as we choose to make it without being limited to six or eight pages? If we could in some way get the opinion of the Alumni, as a body, with regard to this matter, we should be very glad to devise some method whereby it might be accomplished at once.

Would you like a record of your class and school friends in your own home, telling where they are and what they are doing?

If so, let us have an expression of your sentiment.

## SHORT HISTORIES OF CLASSES

### Class of 1885

The class of 1885, consisting of 13 girls and 7 boys was the first to graduate from the Central High School, under Supt. P. R. Walker, A. W. McPherson was the principal.

### Class of 1888

Thirteen only, five boys and eight girls, are all that graduated in 1888. However, the class tho small, stands today for a great deal in the civic life of this and other communities. Mr. H. N. Baker was President of the Board of Education at that time and gave us the diplomas, so we called ourselves "A Baker's Dozen."

**Class of 1891**

The class of 1891 was an unusually bright and energetic one from the standpoint of learning.

We started our class under the direction of Mr. C. A. Smith, who left us to go to Lake Forest, and who I am very sorry to state has since passed away. His successor was W. H. Edwards, now of Pasadena, Cal. He was a very able principal.

Our class call was HI! YI! KI! Rockford High '91, '91 Zip Boom Aye, and our colors were Blue and Silver.

**Class of 1893**

The class of 1893 was known as "The World's Fair Class."

Two of our teachers, Miss Harriet Morse, and Miss Jennie Waldo are still members of the High School Faculty, and the members of the class look back with fondness, and appreciate the efforts of these teachers.

The world has been most kind to the members of this class and they are proving their ability in many walks of life.

**Class of 1896**

The class of 1896 numbered sixty-eight, a large number for those days.

**Class of 1897**

Erave are the lads of '97, And her lassies true and fair,

Spurred on to honor by ambition,  
Now going forth to do and dare.

—From Class Song of '97

The source of inspiration for the spirit of these lines, we, as a class gained from the four year close association with Prin. B. D. Parker, and his loyal and sympathetic co-workers in the faculty.

Aside from those released by death, as far as the author has been able to learn our class has been doing and daring nobly in their home life and in the business world e'en tho' beset with life's adversities and tho' scattered far from dear old Rockford High.

**Class of 1895**

Of the forty-eight members of the class of '95, seven cannot be definitely located at present, six have passed on to the Better Land, twenty-four are scattered throughout the United States, and eleven still linger in the city of their Alma Mater.

**SPORTS**

"Tony" Haines, who was "some" player at Yale, is busy every Saturday in the fall officiating at "Big Eight" football games.

Harry Sullivan, gained much fame as a baseball and football player while attending medical school at St. Louis.

Roger Welch has been doing great things for the University track team of Illinois. He is a freshman there and is not qualified for the varsity, but he has helped the Freshmen win many meets. His time is only a few seconds behind that of the varsity miler.

Ray (Shorty) Thomas, who graduated with the class of '07, Rockford High School graduates with the '12 class at the University of Illinois this year. Shorty was captain of the University baseball team last year and certainly made good.

Perry Graver, '09, who played three years on the high school football team was a member of the University of Pittsburg football team last year. Perry was a star end and was right there all the time. He was thought by many to be the best end Pittsburg ever had. He was also selected to fill the position of shortstop on the varsity baseball team this spring. As this is Perry's first year in college he has a promising future to come.

Frank Levings, otherwise known as "Shorty," is running a large ranch near Mitchell, S. D. He helped win the purple and gold banner which is now in the possession of the High School by his track work.

**FOREIGN NEWS**

Josephine Clifford, '88, who is teaching at Wheaton made a trip to Europe last year.

Miss Ethel Van Wie, '96, was a very fine singer. She married recently Mr. Zaugg of Rochester, N. Y. Her husband has just gone on a trip to Europe.

Charles Hutchins, brother of D. B. Hutchins of E. State St., was lost in the Klondike region and never heard of again.

Miss C. Edith Dickenson, '93, is now Mrs. Ralph Skene, of Malindi, British East Africa.

Paul Nilson, '07, is firmly established in the Orient as a missionary.

**SOCIETY NOTES**

A Rockford social event of this spring was the marriage of Miss Frances O'Connor.

Miss Bessie Thornton, '01, was married to Rodney C. Wilson, of Braintree, Mass., during the Christmas holidays.

The wedding of Miss Beatrice Wilcox, '05, will be an event of this month.

Miss Isabelle Duffy, '95, was elected President of the Catholic Woman's League at its annual meeting of the Columbus Club, Sunday, April 21st, 1912.

**POETS' CORNER**

All the boys and girls of 1900 remember sweet-faced Agnes Brown, who was called "Home," early in 1905. Although we all rejoice in the fullness of her life, yet our sorrow is that she was so early recalled from the scene of her splendid activities. The following little poem was written by Agnes while yet a school girl.

**A FANCY**

We call them fire flies,  
Darting to and fro,  
Lighting up the darkness  
Everywhere they go,  
But they are little frightened stars  
Wandering here alone,  
For they have lost their way  
And cannot find their moonlit home.

—Agnes E. Brown, '00.

## R. H. S. ECHOES

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1888—Mr. D. R. Mead.  
1889—Miss Lillian Storen  
1890—Mr. Frank Carpenter.  
1891—Mrs. Wm. Ralston.  
1892—Mr. E. M. St. John  
1893—Miss Ida B. Pater-  
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1896—Miss Harriet Vin-  
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1897—Miss Flora E. Eddy  
1898—Miss Ethel Vincent  
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1904—Mr. Hugo Hering.  
1905—Miss Beulah John-  
son.  
1906—Mr. Carroll King.  
1907—Mr. Carson Porter  
1908—Miss Myrna Wilcox  
1909—Emerson Hinch-  
liffe.  
1910—Rachel Cummings.  
1911—Thornton Wilcox.

### EDITORIAL

Rockford High School is a great place. The chief duty of Rockford High School is to turn out graduates. Therefore the graduates of Rockford High School should be great.

And they are. Look around the city today—the graduate of a few years can see it well—and notice how many positions of real trust responsibility are filled by High School Alumni. Look at the make-up of the faculty of the School

itself, look at the grammar schools, look in the big offices and at the heads of firms, notice the newspapers and the manufacturing interests of the city, everywhere, will be found former students of the High School.

When the present readers of this sheet become "captains of industry," and "directors of destiny," and when they are in need of ambitious young help, let them not forget the place where they got their start and let them take their assistants from Rockford High School.

While business men are forming associations to advertise and boost Rockford in the outside world, Rockford High School, unnoticed by almost everybody, is, in her own way, giving the city a great amount of the best kind of advertising.

Every year she sends out thirty or forty of her graduates to universities and colleges all over the United States. And just as regularly every few weeks the papers will come out with the headlines, "Rockford Boy is Honored at College," or something similar, and go on to tell how a High School alumnus has been captain of a victorious team, or has been elected an officer in something, or has won a competition for editorship or managership of some publication or organiza-  
tion.

A college community is made up of representatives of an infinite number of different localities, and the alumnus who makes a name for himself, and thus his city, while away at school does more in an advertising way than half a dozen pamphlets printed, sent around, and promptly thrown away.

### Class of 1899

Looking back through the dozen and one years since the class of 1899 emerged as a chrysalis of high school generation, two things may be somewhat of interest; the way the future looks to us as embodied in a class prophecy, and the actual accomplishments that have transpired.

The class prophets weren't slow in assigning many members of the class to cunnubial bliss—but, Oh! How they missed the mark—out of a class of fifty-five members, some thirty-six have been married and not one of the thirty-six married to a member of his or her class! And we thought we had class spirit, too. Some thirty are still making Rockford their home.

As to visions of industrial achievements, our prophets did somewhat better for we have from the class, engineers, manufacturers, doctors, lawyers, instructors and musicians.

We were proud at our commencement to become a unit of the Alumni of R. H. S. We have passed from commencement to the midst of achievement and we are still proud of it. Long may the Alumni Association flourish and absorb each new unit as the years pass.

### Class of 1900

Never before did the R. H. S. feel such a pang of sorrow as when the grand, old class of Naughty Naught left her portals. So incapable was she of existing without the versatility of this class, that to her faculty she has recalled five of its members, who will be found today in all of the school's many departments.

Miss Czarina Giddings, Miss Hazel Putnam, and Miss Elizabeth Corcoran, are striving to have their charges handle English, Latin, Greek, and German like "natives." Miss Martha Bull expounds the mysteries of science, while the mathematical stars, trained by Miss Elenor Pierpont, will one day astonish the world.

Has such an honor been bestowed upon any other class?

### Class of 1902

Although our class of fifty-six is comparatively small compared with those of more recent years, we feel that we have set an example that all might follow. Our class reunions go to prove

that class loyalty is not on the decline.

We are convinced that these annual gatherings are of the greatest importance in fostering and keeping alive the true spirit of loyalty. The attendance on these occasions is, and always has been, very large. One thing in particular that we have retained, which in many classes has been sacrificed to that intangible something that binds us together with a devotion unknown elsewhere.

This June we are to celebrate our tenth annual reunion. The decade has not decreased our loyalty to our class or lessened our enjoyment of each recurring anniversary. That sentiment is full of meaning to us. It is a matter of pride and great gratification that reunions like ours should be sustained for ten years with no diminution of interest; it has been a great pleasure for us to watch during the past ten years the progress of our classmates, in their various stations of life and there is no time at which we are disposed to think more highly of each other than when we find him standing high in the esteem of others.

#### Class of 1904

It may prove a matter of no small interest for the members of the 1904 class to learn in how far the prophecies of our illustrious class historian, Dayton Upson, have been correct. What was the name of that distinguished old highbrow who said that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country?

Owing to many successful plunges in the matrimonial sea, it has been necessary to extend the class roll. Has any one appraised T. R. of this state of affairs? Twenty-six members of the class have been married thereby adding 11 junior '04's to the class roster.

#### PURELY PERSONAL

Miss Mattie B. Kinnie, '94, is a teacher in the Lincoln School.

Mrs. Eva D. Bennett's home is at 614 Ashland Ave., but during business hours you will find her keeping books at Waldo's East Side store.

Robt. N. Holt, '86, is practicing law in Chicago. He is doing as well as a good Methodist can be expected to do in that profession.

Rosa A. Beatson, '87, is Assistant County Treasurer in Rockford.

Lucien Green, '06, who finished Annapolis last year, is now in Florida making a tour of the world.

Mr. Harry B. North, '91 who was a very bright scholar, is now State's Attorney of this city.

"Big George" Holt, '92, went to Europe, and since he came back has made his living singing. He can make some noise too!

Chas. F. Brogunier, '93, is Supt. of Mails in Rockford.

Edith Graham, '96, has changed her name to Mrs. Harry Needham of Rockford.

Henry Peers, '97, had a strong attraction for ladies' hands, which he can make more attractive by means of his jewelry store than by sending them to the beauty parlor now.

Elizabeth Hopkins, '98, is a teacher in Tacoma, Wash.

John Sinderson, '99, is a draftsman living in this city. He is president of the Alumni Association and is a faithful worker along that line.

Bessie A. Thornton, the baby of '01 is now Mrs. Rodney Wilson, of Braintree, Mass.

Miss May Fiddick, '04, is still working toward her high standards of life.

Miss Louise Warren, '01, daughter of Mrs. Julia Warren of N. Main St., was engaged in probation work for the city before her marriage to Rev. W. A. Atkinson, of Detroit, Mich.

Ability to draw won for Frank Welsh, '10, early in his Freshman year, a position on the "Jack O'Lantern," the Dartmouth humorous magazine.

Ida M. Patterson, '93, is principal of Church school, Rockford.

D. Ray Mead, '88, is one of the leading merchants, having the largest furniture and carpet store in Rockford.

Fred E. Carpenter, '86, is a country lawyer and incidentally has held several non-paying political positions. He was the first president of our Rockford Park District. He is the only one of the men of '86 that has escaped the snare of matrimony.

Mrs. Sadie Stothard Boswell lives at 719 Jefferson St., is still a good Methodist and has a son who graduates from college this year, 1912.

The pride (?) for Rockford High School Teaching Faculty, was a member of '86, Gracie Brantingham; she is a great artist and draws and paints.

Mr. A. Philip Smith, '87, is a lawyer in Rockford.

Mrs. Aurilla Holland Allen, '91, assisted by her son is publishing a monthly magazine known to many readers, the Ten Story Book. Her husband, C. Dwight Allen, died two years ago.

Harold Cutting, '10 is at the University of Illinois.

Helen Barber, '10 is a teacher in the P. A. Peterson school.

Mary Marean, '10, is teaching in the Church school.

Prof. Seth Gregory, '89, will soon have completed 20 years of teaching at the College for Deaf Mutes at Delavan, Wis.

Miss Katie McEachran, '91, formerly of the Scotch settlement, Argyle, is now Mrs. W. B. Ralston of this city.

Howard Wells, '92, is playing the piano for a living. He has grown whiskers and had the advantage of dwelling in foreign climes also.

Robt. Lathrop, '88, is a prominent lawyer in this city and has been very successful.

One member of '95 has attained a world wide fame as a writer. Arthur Ruhl, who is editor and dramatic critic of Collier's Weekly, has also contributed for Scribners, Harpers, and other leading magazines. He has also written a book on South America, where he traveled extensively a few years ago. At the present time Arthur is again in South America for the purpose of writing about places missed on his last trip there and getting more information about the inhabitants of the continent.

Myrtle Irons, '91, is supervisor of drawing for the city schools.

Three years successful teaching in the Hall School of Rockford, eight years principalship of the Rock Falls High School, and two years as History teacher in the Highland Park Township school near Chicago for Etta Grunewald, '97, is about as good a pedagogic record as teaching ten or twelve years in the Rockford High is for Blanche Clark, Flora Eddy and Etta Brown.

Ada Raymond, '91, is Mrs. Thro of Rockford.

Carrie E. Ades, '99, resides at 1044 Rockton Ave., she is a teacher in the city schools.

That Cupid was a member of '90 is attested by the fact that he promoted two happy marriages therein. Fred Carrico, '00, took as his wife, Mabel Miller, and Arthur Lawson married Florence Marsh.

Mattie E. Bement, '04, 409 Grove St., St. Paul, is in a dentist's office. She is Dr. Wand's assistant and bookkeeper. She has been there a year but will return to school teaching this fall.

Ruth E. Burlingame, '02, resigned her position as teacher in the Henry Freeman School, April 1, to become—?

Bernice Ford, '04, is using her spare time in instilling poetry into the many small heads in Farmer City, Ill.

Mr. Carroll King, '06, is a teacher in R. H. S. Just now he's very popular, but he'll grow older some day.

Edna Stanbury, Mildred Tetlow, Alice Johns and Frances Brockman, '07, have accepted positions as housewives.

Miss Rachel Cummings '10, is at Normal school in DeKalb.

Wilson H. Irvine, '88, has perhaps brought the class the highest fame. His name as an artist is recognized among those who are bringing credit to the city of Chicago.

Miss Laverne Packard, '91, is now living at Delavan, Wisconsin. She is Mrs. H. V. Taylor and is teaching in a school for the deaf.

Grace Barbour, '86, has been a kindergarten teacher for many years and has made so much money that she gets called before the Board of Review of Cook County every year.

Francis Lyons, '86, is still teaching. She is too smart to live with any man.

Mr. Walter Forbes, '87, is a manufacturer in Rockford.

Sidney W. Smith, '93, is a lawyer in Omaha, Neb.

Wallace Hobart, '96, deserted music this spring and made an excursion into politics, making a fine run for County Recorder.

Florence Foster, '96, is secretary of the High School.

"Eb" Engstrom and Ed St. John, '92, got to be lawyers. "Eb" does a little farming on the side. We (St. John) some-

times think we'd rather be a farmer ourselves.

Agard Bartlett, '04, is at the Bartlett Mills in Rockford.

Florence Williams, '10, is at DeKalb Normal School.

Lucius Andrews, '92, writes often. Each time he has a new automobile, a new horse or a new bank.

Cora Wester, '09, the gifted pianist of the class of 1909 who used to preside at the piano at assemblies, has been keeping up her musical studies in Chicago.

Miss Lillian E. Storen, '89, is a bookkeeper for the City Clerk in the City Hall. She lives at 1404 Elm St.

Hugo Hering, '04, finds Modern History more interesting than Ancient.

Eleanor Lagerquist, '04, is still secretary to the Board of Education and is still—well, consult your class prophecy.

Miss Beulah Johnson, '05, is a teacher in the Domestic Science department at High School.

Aleta McEvoy, '04, is assistant in Chemistry and Physics at the High School, and a staunch disciple of "Independent Womanhood."

Lorena Church, '00, is a full-fledged "Faculty" at Rockford College. She has received her degree of A. M. from Chicago University.

Fessie Radcliffe, '04 and Glenn Reiman, '04, are still striving for some means whereby they may become sisters. Bessie is at home getting valuable domestic training. Glenn is teaching but nevertheless very efficient in similar lines.

Mr. John Langwill, '05, graduated from the University of Wisconsin last year, and is now Asst. Supt. of the Drilling Machine Co. of this city.

Florence Meade, '04, is Mrs. Harry Little of Chicago.

Thornton Wilcox is at Beloit College.

Miss Amy Denman, '94, is a stenog. in Rockford.

Roy W. Burritt, '94, is a farmer north of Rockford.

Miss Hattie B. Leonard '94, is now Mrs. Sumner Miller of Camp Ave.

Miss Lottie Hedrick, '03, is a teacher in Church School.

Two members of the class of 1909 chose domestic science schools in which to continue their studies. Belle Hinchcliff is at present at Simmons College in Boston, and Virginia Wolcott is in attendance at Stout Institute. The former was on the 1909 Annual Board; the latter was Editor-in-Chief of the 1909 Owl.

(Special to the "Echoes.")

The married men of '06 held a banquet last night. Those in attendance were Charles Cross, Anthony Haines, Leslie King, Lyle Newman and Arthur Zoller. Lyle Newman had the youngest member of the class there to introduce.

Emerson Hinchcliff, '09, was voted into the place of editor of the "Daily Sun," the daily publication of the University of Cornell. He is well qualified for the position and his many friends wish him success.

Records galore have fallen before Ralph Brabrook, '09, the manager of the 1909 Annual, who is at present a Junior at the Montana State College of Mechanical Arts in the C. E. course. In his freshman year Brabrook played on the championship basketball team, and broke about sixteen records on the track, including the state record in the broad jump. He has continued his athletic work and in addition has been elected to official positions in student activities, as the "Society of Civil Engineers."

Ethel Vincent, '98, is a teacher in R. H. S.

Evelyn Teague Westenberg, '02, promoter of "The Business Woman," changed to the belief of "Complements not Competitors." Strange to note her opponent in that long ago contest has swung around to the profession of teaching Woman's divine prerogative to change her mind, again.

Chicago, April 1, 1912. —Arthur Knight, Dartmouth, '11, the original of Dawson '11 received a two dollar raise yesterday—Butler Bros.

The goal of his ambition, the business managership of the "Illio," the annual publication of the University of Illinois, was attained by Wilford Johns, '10, early this spring. It is an elective position and was only attained after a long campaign.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Miss Lucy Waldo, who graduated with the class of 1908. She was editor of the Owl in her Senior year. She was loved and admired by all who knew her. She leaves a host of friends who felt her death keenly.

Raymond McLarty was elected editor of the 1912 University of Illinois year book. This is the greatest honor that can be given to a student, and his many friends wish him good luck in his great undertaking.

ADVERTISEMENTS

"I am so lonesome, No one to love," etc.

Specialty singing by the '97 trio, Fred Hicks, Fitch Goodman, and Harry Gill. The trio, tho' still vociferous, are lending their vocal cords for business enterprises.

Hicks is owner of a department store in Denver; Goodman is manager for Swift & Co., at Evanston, Ind., and Gill is assistant superintendent of the American Maize Mfg. Co., at Roby, Ind.

Attention! Class Mates of '97. Eat all the Hood River Oregon Apples you can, for Asa and Lucy Cutler grow the best of them.

For good Wall Paper see Carl Smith. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated.

FOR RENT—During the summer while we are not using it, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. Location good, climate fine. Apply: Edwin Keeler, William Knight Arthur Knight, Robert Hunter, Ray Taylor, Floyd Tindall, Carlton Welsh, Frank Welsh, Harold Ingersoll, Edwin Reber, Arthur Sterling and Hugh Courtright.

When about to purchase tin cans and Kitchen utensils call up Harold Clark of the Clark Mfg. Co. He will tell you all about them.

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The FRISBIE Brothers.  
R. R. No. 666

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FOR SALE—My political machine. Also advertising space in the "Illio." Wilford Johns, '10, Mgr.

When you lose anything in Chicago, call up Kendall Clark of the Advertising Department of the Record Herald. He will see that you find it.

WANTED—More men like Ralph Brabrook, '09.  
—Montana College of Mechanical Arts.

## POETS' CORNER

The following poem, unearthed by a member of the class of '89, was written the day after the class of '88 had received their diplomas.

## To The Seniors of '89.

We assemble here this summer morn,  
Under a title just new-born,  
Today for the first we meet as Seniors,  
Leaving behind each trace of Juniors,  
We have reached at last the highest shelf,  
Which adds dignity and honor to each one's self.

No more toil for our superiors,  
But how submissive must be our inferiors,

We will certainly show what Seniors can do,  
Altho, we are young and inexperienced too,  
We will also prove we were born in time,  
Not a hundred years too soon or a hundred behind.

We already know what talent we show,  
For music, for art, for literature and so  
When of no more genius we feel the need,  
With such a brilliant prospect in view,  
We gladly begin our duties new.

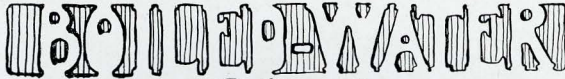
And may each meeting more joyful be,  
In this year which before us we see,  
And may we all so gladly combine

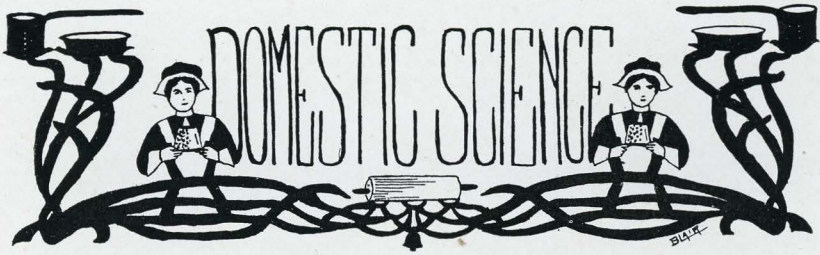
To make famous the class of '89,  
That it will be proclaimed  
As the bright and illustrious twenty eight.

## For Class of 1890

A class of latent ambition  
If not in the R. H. S shown,  
Most all have attained distinction  
Some way in life's various trend  
And in the class of 1890,  
One holds the power behind the throne.  
Our Mayor's wife we gladly claim  
Was a class-mate, a sincere friend.

—Frank A. Carpenter  
1890



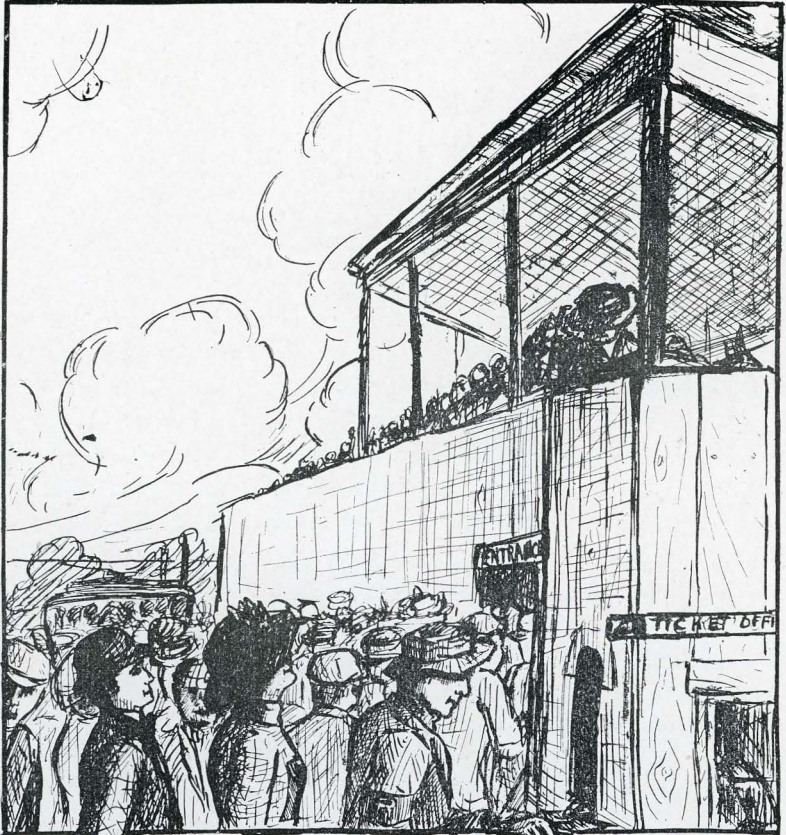


PERHAPS some cold and stormy morning you have stolen a march on the janitor by coming in the north door? If so, you have doubtless noticed the cooking and sewing rooms as you came past. Here a little band of girls are "learning to be practical." In sewing, the girls are busy drafting patterns, and designing and making the pretty dresses you see them wearing to school now and then. Besides this, there are interesting lessons on fabrics and color.

In the kitchen are busy "cookettes" in white aprons, making the most delicious things to eat. On some days they discuss problems of Home Sanitation, and House Decoration, and make plans of houses, with the interior furnishings considered and the cost estimated, but of course the really best times are when there are "eats." No mention is made of the time Lovena poured the soup in the sink, or when Beth "killed" the yeast, but the successes have been so many and so marked that the work of the department has proved very interesting and valuable.

L. K. '11.





# ATHLETICS



## *Athletic Association*

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NELSON RECK, President.

### **Team Managers**

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HOWELL GARVER

Basket Ball

EMORY HALL

Track

THEODORE SCHROM

Base Ball

### **Faculty Members**

(Board of Control)

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Chairman

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This has been an unusual year financially. The foot ball season was one of the poorest in years. To balance this unfortunate circumstance, the basket ball season was the best in the history of the school.

We started the foot ball season with two defeats, one tie, and one victory. This was not as good a showing as in former years, and may account somewhat for the lack of attendance at the game. When the team did pick up and show its true form, adverse weather conditions kept many rooters from the sidelines. This resulted in a loss of approximately \$300 on the season.

On the other hand, interest in basket ball was keen. Almost every game was witnessed by a good crowd. When the last game had been played, the Association was glad to announce that the foot ball debt had been obliterated.

The Board of Control and the Chairman have worked hard throughout the year. It is but just to say that it is due to their unselfish efforts, that the Association was so successful under the unfavorable conditions.

N. R., '12.

## *Review of Football 1911*

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The difficulties which confronted Coaches Hull and Little were greater perhaps than those of any preceeding year in the history of the school. In the first place the team was almost entirely made up of new material, there being only three veterans on the team. The coaches also were not acquainted with the ability of any of their men, as they were both new.

The schedule was one of the hardest that the Rockford High School has played. Of the last teams against whom they played, four were given their first defeat of the season. The Kewanee High School Team, which we played on Thanksgiving Day claimed the State title.

At the commencement of the season the playing of the team was somewhat ragged, which partly accounts for the two defeats at the beginning of the year. After the Rock Island game the team showed its worth and displayed some excellent team work. One great factor in bringing about this change was the coaching.

Captain Skinner at left half back played a consistent game throughout the year. He was especially good on wide end runs and was a hard man to tackle.

Howell Garver who played at full back, gained much ground by his hard line plunging. Edwin Grant, also at full back, was a good man in forming interference.

John Doyle and Theodore Schrom made an excellent pair of ends. They were both fast in running down the field under punts, often making touchdowns by recovering the ball. Doyle was unerring in receiving forward passes, and both were sure tacklers.

Homer Heffran and Ralph Johnson at the tackle positions added much to the strength of the line. They will both be back next year to help make a stonewall line.

Eugene Welch, John Daly, and Stanley Putnam were excellent men at the guard positions. Welch was good at opening holes. Daly's strong point was tackling. Putnam was good at stopping rushes.

This year only four men will graduate. The are: "Eckie" Johnson, Roy Messner, Warren Aldrich, and Robert Rogan. Although these men will be missed we will have practically a veteran team next season. They promise to be a championship team, which will uphold the standard of the Rockford High School in athletics. John Doyle, as captain of the 1912 team, who is another son of the Emerald Isle, though much smaller than Dowdakin, possesses fully as much fight and grit as that plucky Irishman. He will undoubtedly lead his team to success

### Our Coach

Walter Frances Hull, our football coach, learned his A-B-C's down in "Egypt." Through town-team, and back-lot games, he also learned his foot-ball A-B-C's there. This early training was so successful, that he is said to have been Y-Z to the game when he went to college.

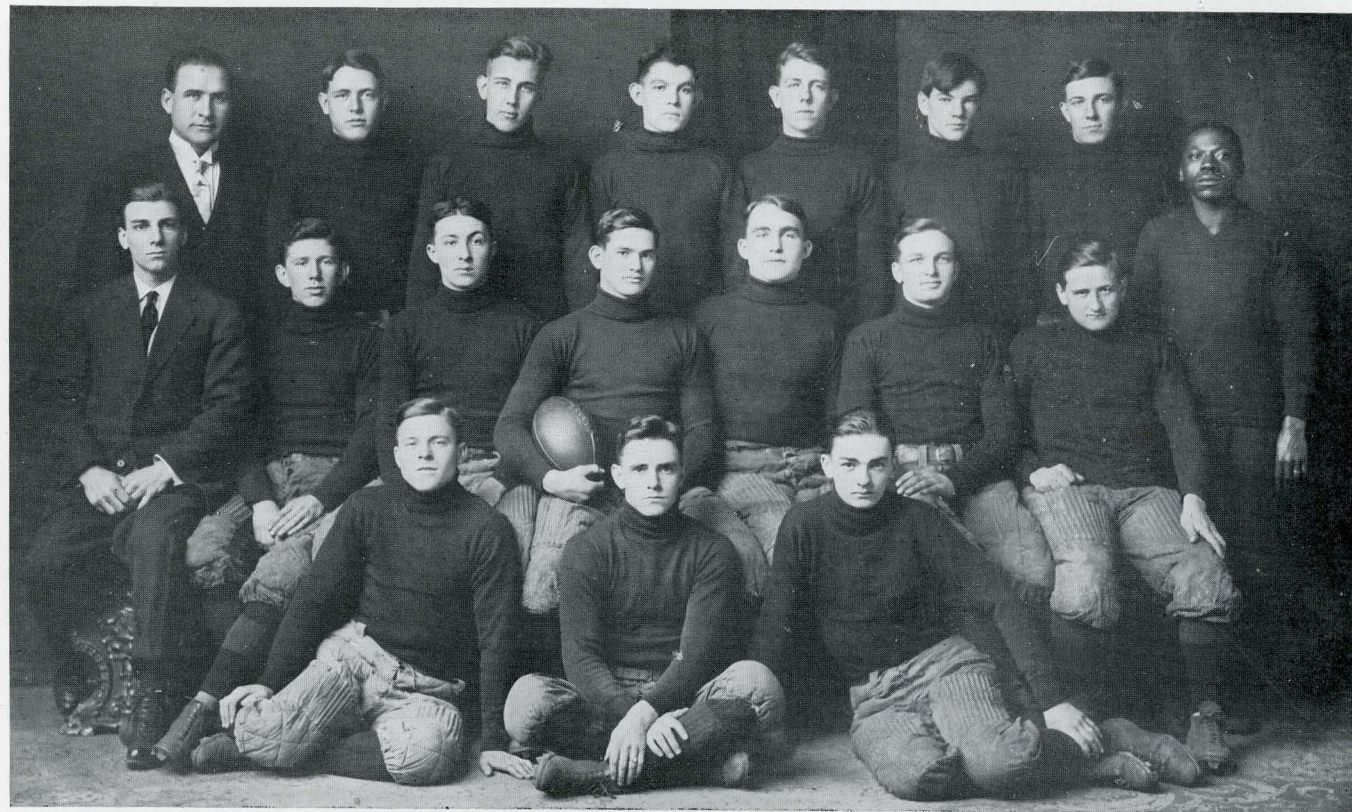


When playing, he was as well known for "Come on, fellers", as he is to us for his favorite Rockford by-word, "Fall on the ball." Brains plus long continued patience have made the same success for him as a coach, that brains plus the willingness to take punishment all day won for him as a player.



### Football Schedule

Date	Opponents	Played at	Score	Won by
Sept 30	Lane Tech. H. S.....	Rockford	12-0	Lane
Oct. 7	Normal H. S. ....	Rockford	0-16	Rockford
Oct. 14	East Aurora H. S.....	E. Aurora	10-5	E. Aurora
Oct. 21	Rock Island H. S.....	Rockford	6-6	Rockford
Oct. 28	Monmouth H. S.....	Rockford	3-17	Rockford
Nov. 4	Elgin H. S. ....	Rockford	6-18	Rockford
Nov. 11	Moline H. S. ....	Rockford	0-11	Rockford
Nov. 18	Urbana H. S.....	Rockford	6-30	Rockford
Nov. 30	Kewanee H. S.....	Rockford	3-11	Rockford



### *Line-up of Football Team*

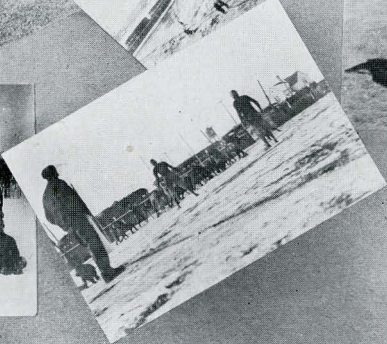
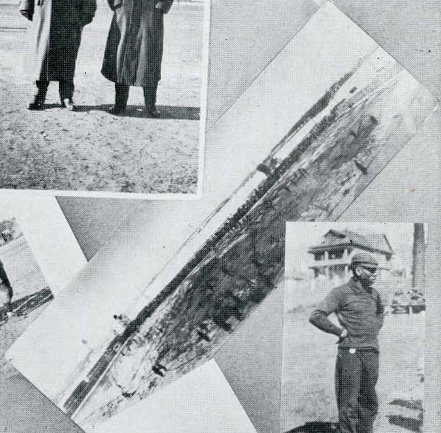
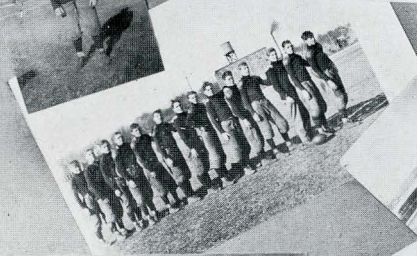
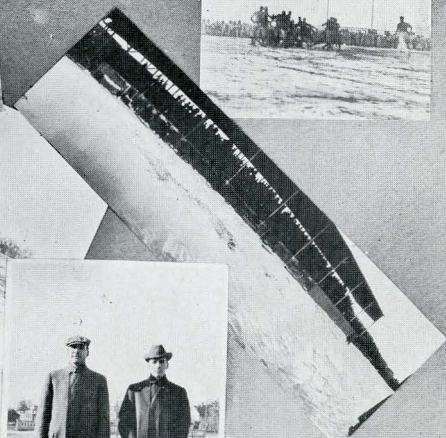
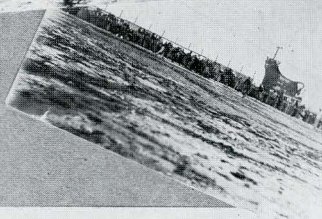
NAME	FOR SHORT	No. R's Won	Weight	POSITION	Class
John Skinner	"Long John"	3	155	Left Half	'13
Howell Garver	"Gravy"	1	155	Full Back	'13
Frank Johnson	"Eckie"	2	140	Right Half	'12
Roy Messner	"Gilbert"	1	135	Quarter	'12
Theodore Schrom	"Tater"	1	145	Left End	'13
Homer Heffran	"Hungry"	1	168	Left Tackle	'13
Eugene Welch	"Porky"	1	164	Left Guard	'14
Warren Aldrich	"Ichabod"	1	148	Center	'12
John Daly	"Scruby"	1	158	Right Guard	'14
Ralph Johnson	"Diana"	1	162	Right Tackle	'13
John Doyle	"Dinny"	1	125	Right End	'13
Edwin Grant	"Essie"	1	145	Half Back	'13
Stanley Putnam	"Venus"	1	165	Right Guard	'14
Robert Rogan	"Bob"	1	138	Quarter	'12
Robert Leach	"Eric"	1	158	Center	'14

### *The Second Football Team*

One great factor in the success of the regular eleven was the hard working second team. These boys were also coached by Messrs. Hull and Little. The boys bore many unpleasant nights of scrimmage against the first team. Although they had but few games to play they were working for the benefit of the regulars and remained loyal the entire season.

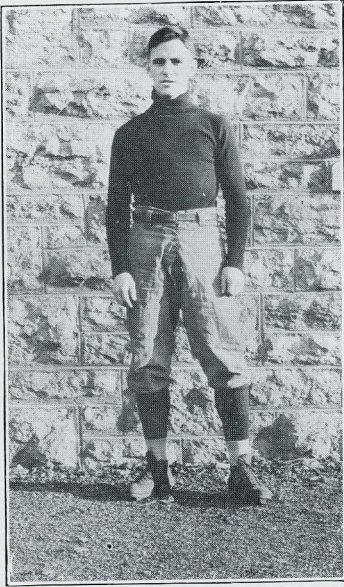
The first game was a practice game with the first team which was very close. A few weeks later they played Harvard High School, defeating them 17-0. The last game was with Carl Schurtz High School of Chicago, as a curtain raiser to the Rock Island game. Unfortunately, the second team was defeated 3-0 after a hard fought battle.

The success of this team is undoubtedly due to its substantial diet: for instance, "Taters," "Gravy," and "Pork," to which "Hungry" Heffran did full justice. It is also due to the faithful watching of its patron goddesses, "Diana" and "Venus," who showed form on the gridiron.



## *Those Who Have Played Their Last Foot Ball Game for R. H. S.*

### *Frank Johnson*

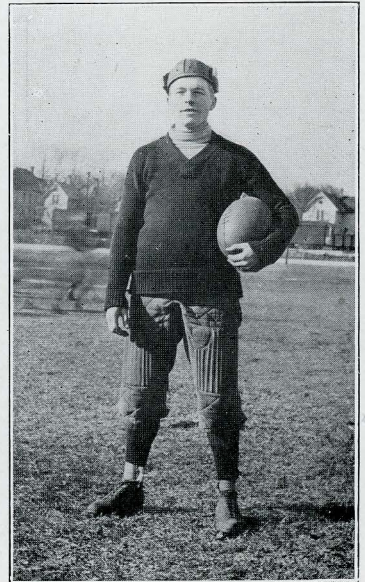


"Eckie" Johnson, the clever little quarterback, halfback, end, and what not, again demonstrated his ability last season as one of the fastest and headiest football players on the team. He is a player who can be counted on to do more than his part in the football machine; in fact, it is his policy to try to outdo about one-third of the opposing team, and he usually succeeds in the attempt.

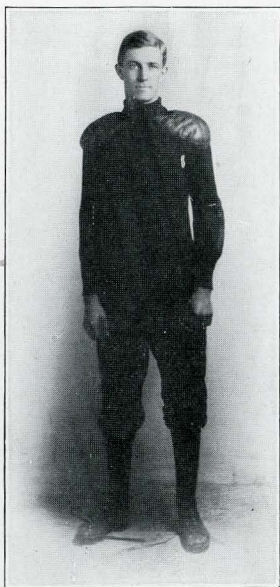
Eckie is planning to take a course in Beloit College after which he intends to devote his time to the cause of woman suffrage. The boys and girls of the Senior Class join together in wishing him success in his undertaking.

### *Roy Messner*

Last fall, when Roy Messner reported to the coaches for practice, it was sometime before it was found out just what the little pink cheeked fellow was good for. He was given a chance, and to the surprise of all he "made good." He proved to be a wonderful quarterback, and it was only a few weeks until he had "made" a regular position on the team. Roy is a heady, aggressive player, and one who did his full share in the season's work. Roy is a living illustration of the old saying that "quality and not quantity that counts." Roy's ambition is to develop a smile that will rival that of Mona Lisa.



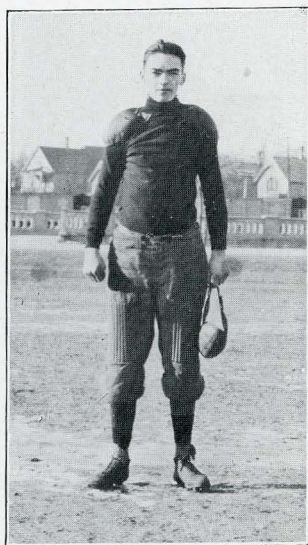
### *Warren Aldrich*



Few followers of the game of football realize the importance of the central position. Too often not enough credit is given to the man who plays there, but the rooters have not failed to recognize the ability of "Aldrich" as a center. Shifted from tackle, where he had already gained the reputation of being the scrappiest of scrappers, "Aldrich" proceeded to demonstrate that he was also a powerful man in his new position. Besides being a valuable player on the team, he was also manager, which position he filled well. "Aldrich's" ambition is to make the Beloit College team, and to be president of the United States. He has the sincere wishes of his classmates.

### *Robert Rogan*

Last fall, "Bobby" Rogan, who claims to be the least boy in the class, except as to length, after a certain process of mathematical calculation, arrived at the conclusion that, being a senior it was time for him to win his "R" in football. Accordingly, with a truly patriotic spirit, "Bobby" offered up his long hungry frame as a sacrifice to the noble cause. He proved himself to be a great quarterback, and when called upon to lead his team, "Bobby" was always in the fight. His kicking ability helped to win many points for the Red and Black. "Bobby" has one great ambition in life, i. e., to be as fat east and west as he is north and south. The senior class hope to see his worthy ambition fully realized.



## *Review of Basketball Season*

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The Basketball season of 1911-12 was a successful one, financially as well as otherwise. After "Eckie" Johnson, the captain, had left the team on account of his desire to graduate, not an "R" man remained.

Mr. Little had charge of the boys and worked hard to make a good basketball team out of them. In this he was successful for we only lost three games out of eleven.

Carl Nelson and Roy Messner at the forward positions, made a fast pair and rolled in baskets whenever they had an opportunity. At center, Howell Garver and Ralph Cotta proved to be the equals of their opponents in most cases. Theodore Schrom, Homer Cotta, and Lester Weifenbach were excellent guards and very seldom allowed their man to get away from them.

The Northern Illinois Tournament was held in DeKalb this year. Rockford was unfortunate in losing the first game to Belvidere. This was partly due to the fact that the boys had had no experience in playing at tournaments. This was the time when the influence of an experienced veteran like "Ekie" Johnson would have been a great advantage.

With the exception of Roy Messner the same team will be back next year, under the captaincy of Howell Garver. This team ought to duplicate the record established by the team of 1910-11.

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### *The Second Basketball Team*

The secondary championship of Rockford was won by the second five this year. The "College Boys" were the only ones who succeeded in defeating them. Clarence Lander was elected captain early in the season and played a fast game at forward position to warrant the honor. It was difficult to select a second team as there were so many players of equal ability.

### Our Coach

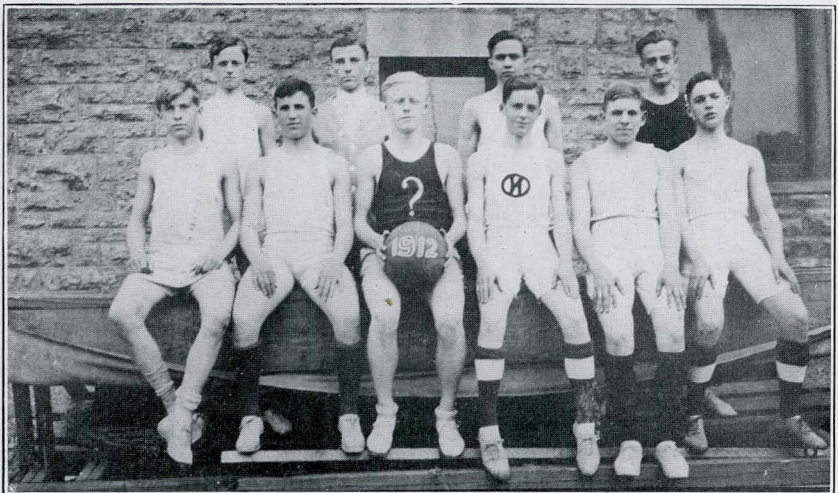
LeRoy L. Little, our basketball coach, had his early training in the Tolona High School football team. Later he played at quarterback position in college



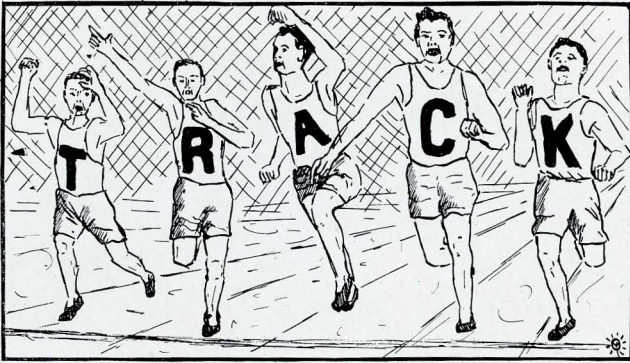
In all athletic games he became a student. His performances have always been pleasing to watch because of his gentlemanly sportsmanship, and with him as a leader, our basketball season was a great success.

### Basket Ball Schedule, 1911-12

1	Dec. 30	Alumni .....	49-34	Rockford
2	Jan. 5	Batavia at Batavia.....	23-35	Batavia
3	Jan. 12	Beloit at Beloit .....	17-15	Rockford
4	Jan. 19	Sycamore at Sycamore.....	33-32	Rockford
5	Jan. 26	Hinsdale at Rockford .....	30-19	Rockford
6	Feb. 2	Freeport at Freeport.....	12-39	Freeport
7	Feb. 9	Beloit at Rockford.....	30-14	Rockford
8	Feb. 16	Freeport at Rockford.....	24-18	Rockford
9	Feb. 23	Tournament at Dekalb Belvidere.....	26-35	Belvidere
10	Mar. 1	Sycamore at Rockford.....	53-18	Rockford
11	Mar. 8	Elgin at Rockford.....	44-24	Rockford







**T**HE track season for 1912 started with a relay between Freeport and Rockford. Much enthusiasm was shown on this occasion. For two weeks before the race was to be pulled off, anyone visiting the Fair Grounds Park would witness a fine sight. Candidates for this relay could be seen training in preparation for the event.

Hall started the race for Rockford and Betts for Freeport. The race was anyone's until the finish. First one school would be ahead and then another. The little fellows were the ones that did the work in this race. Franklin Reck did the finest running of the day. When the message was handed to Roy Messner by Ralph Cotta, Rockford was 150 yards in the lead. This lead was retained till the finish. Steinrod finished for Freeport.

Entrants were sent to the Beloit Interscholastic meet, but Rockford did not win any points. Some fast races were run. The 100-yd. dash record of Beloit was broken. This was won by a Milwaukee man in 10 seconds flat.

Mr. Loos has charge of the track, and is doing good work. He is a good coach, and a splendid athlete himself.

The Class Day meet was held at the Fair Grounds. The Seniors won the meet by a walk-away. Some fine material showed up in this tryout, and we may have more of them next year.

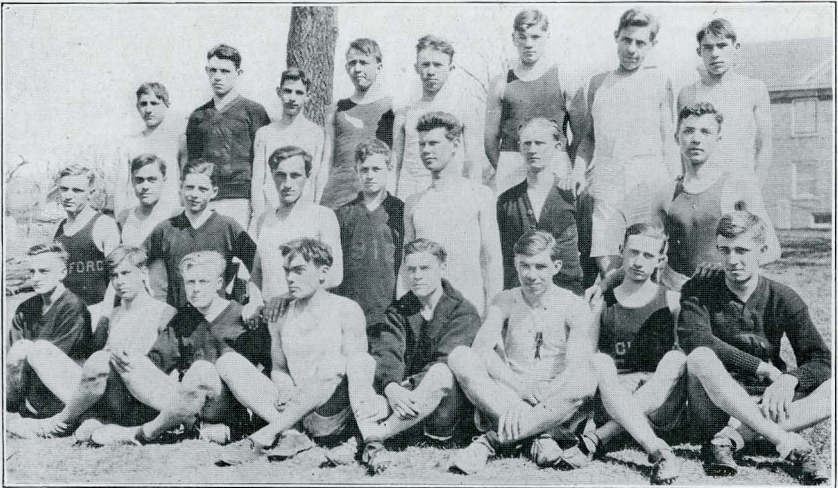
The order of events follow:

50-yd. Dash .....	Hall, Messner, Heffran
Shot Put .....	Daley, Aldrich, Schrom
100-yd. Dash .....	Messner, Burr, Parker
High Jump .....	Heffran, Grattan, Melin



Pole Vault .....	Mackey, Smith, Williams
Discus .....	Messner, Smith, Wagner
Hammer .....	Putnam, Aldrich, Schrom
220-yd. Hurdles .....	Messner, Gratton
220-yd. Dash .....	Hall, Parker, Bun
440-yd. Run .....	Hall, Grattan, Schrom
Mile Run .....	Smith, H. Cotta, M. Cotta
880-yd. Run .....	R. Cotta, Heffron, McLee
Broad Jump .....	Messner, Schrom, Hall

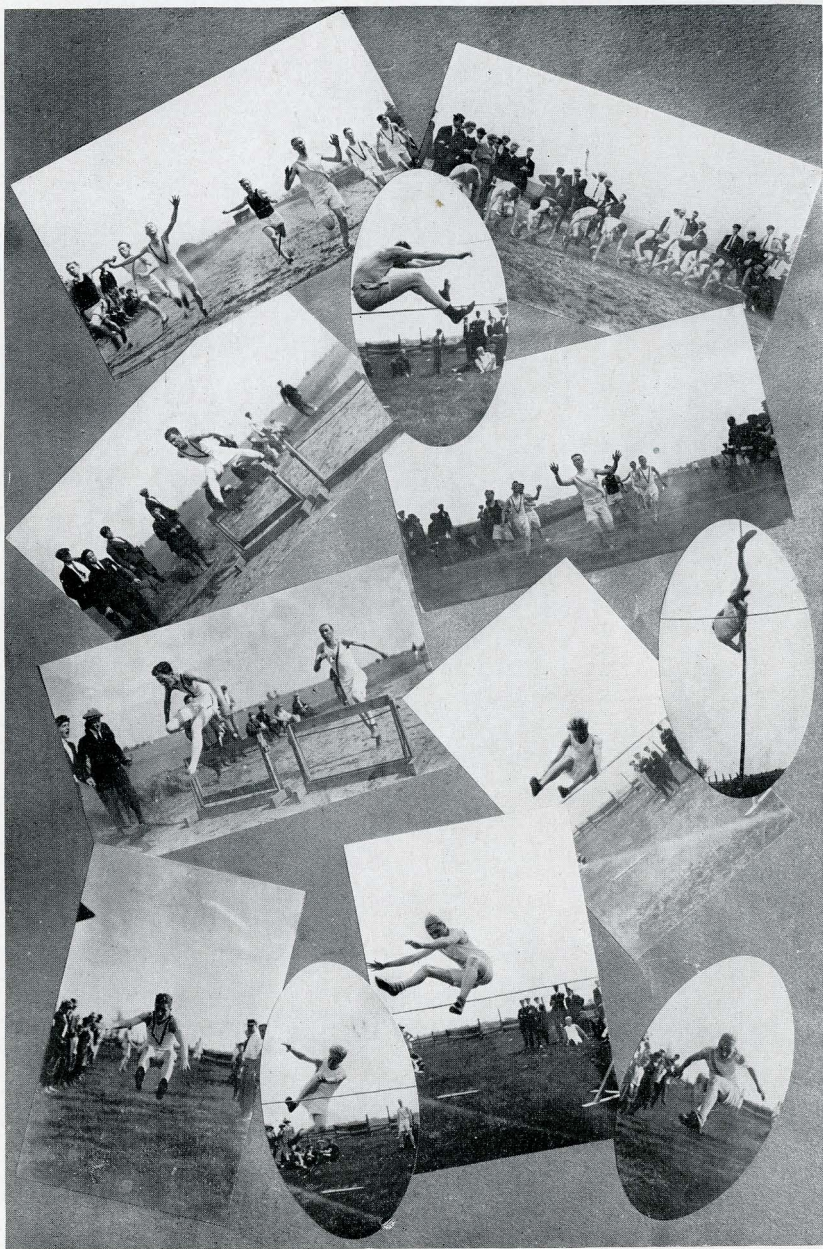
The meet which was to have been held at Rockford, May 11th, between West Aurora, Beloit and Rockford, was called off on account of rain.



### The Track Schedule for 1912

- April 26—Rockford-Freeport Relay.
- April 29—Class Day.
- May 4—Beloit Interscholastic.
- May 11—West Aurora, Beloit and Rockford, at Rockford.
- May 18—Freeport, Beloit and Rockford, at Rockford.
- May 25—E. Aurora, Elgin and Rockford, at Aurora.
- May 31—Rockford at Belvidere.

The Track Meet held on May 18th, between Beloit, Freeport and Rockford, was a success. The Beloit team started off with a bound, and for the first five events lead the meet. But slowly Rockford forged to the front, gained a small lead and kept this. Moss of



Beloit was the star of the meet, taking 4 firsts. Mackey broke the school record this day, doing the pole vault 10 feet 6½ inch, breaking his own record of last year by 9½ inches.

Those winning their R's in this meet are: Homer Cotta, Emory Hall and Roy Messner. Two more meets are left, in which others will have a chance to win the coveted R.

### *School Records*

Hammer Throw	Daniel Tipple	122 ft. 8 in.
220 Yard Dash	John Skinner	24 sec.
440 Yard Dash	Adelbert Dennis	54 4-5 sec.
Broad Jump	George Kitteringham	19 ft. 2 in.
Half Mile Run	Roger Welsh	2 min. 6 2-5 sec.
220 Yard Hurdles	John Skinner	27 sec.
Shot Put	Adelbert John	37 ft. 10¾ in.
50 Yard Dash	Russell Chapman	5 4-5 sec.
Discus	Daniel Tipple	97 ft. 8¾ in.
100 Yard Dash	John Skinner	10 3-5 sec.
Mile Run	Roger Welsh	4 min. 41 2-5 sec.
Pole Vault	Corbett Mackey	10 ft. ½ in.

## *The "R" Men*

### *Foot Ball Team*

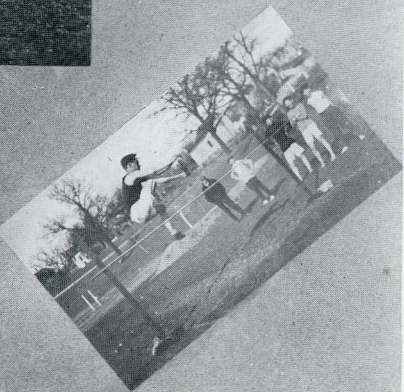
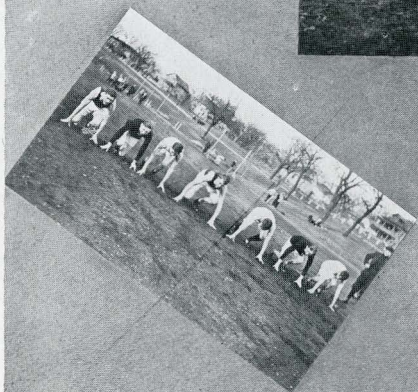
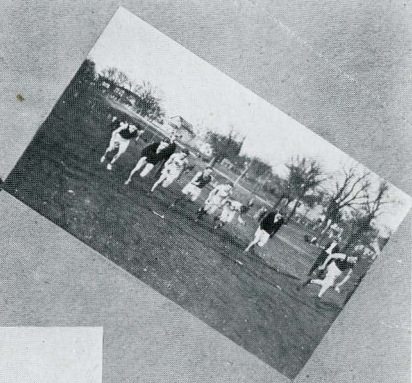
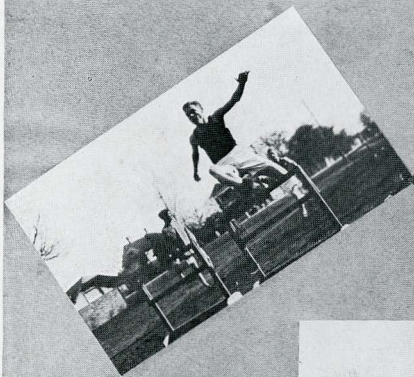
JOHN SKINNER, Captain.

"Eckie" Johnson	John Doyle	Edwin Grant
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Theodore Schrom	Robert Rogan	Warren Aldrich

### *Basket Ball Team*

CARL NELSON, Captain

Roy Messner	Homer Cotta
Howell Garver	Lester Weifenbach
Theodore Schorm	



## Track Team

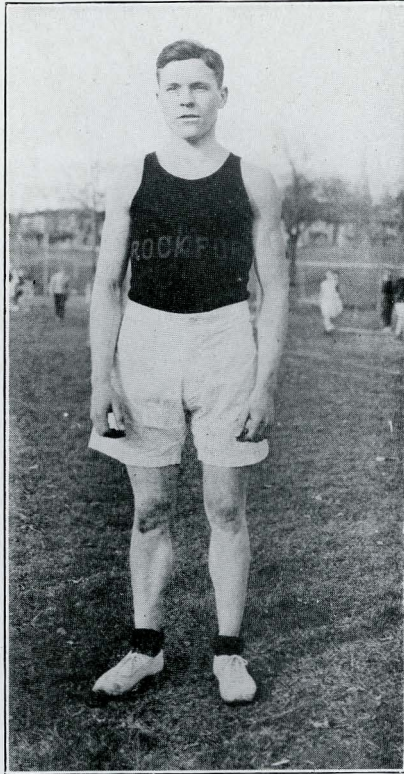
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Emory Hall

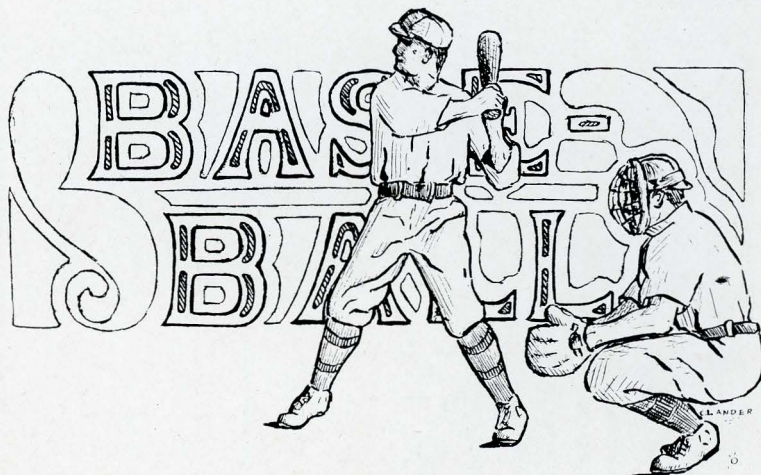
Homer Cotta

Warren Aldrich

Owing to the fact that this record went to press before all Track R's were won, we were unable to publish the names of all the winners.



Although our yard is small, and in many ways does not have the advantages which many high schools afford, yet it is due to Mr. Harbaugh that our school grounds are perhaps the most beautiful, and better cared for than any in the city. As a side issue, he is the director of the Freshman gardeners.



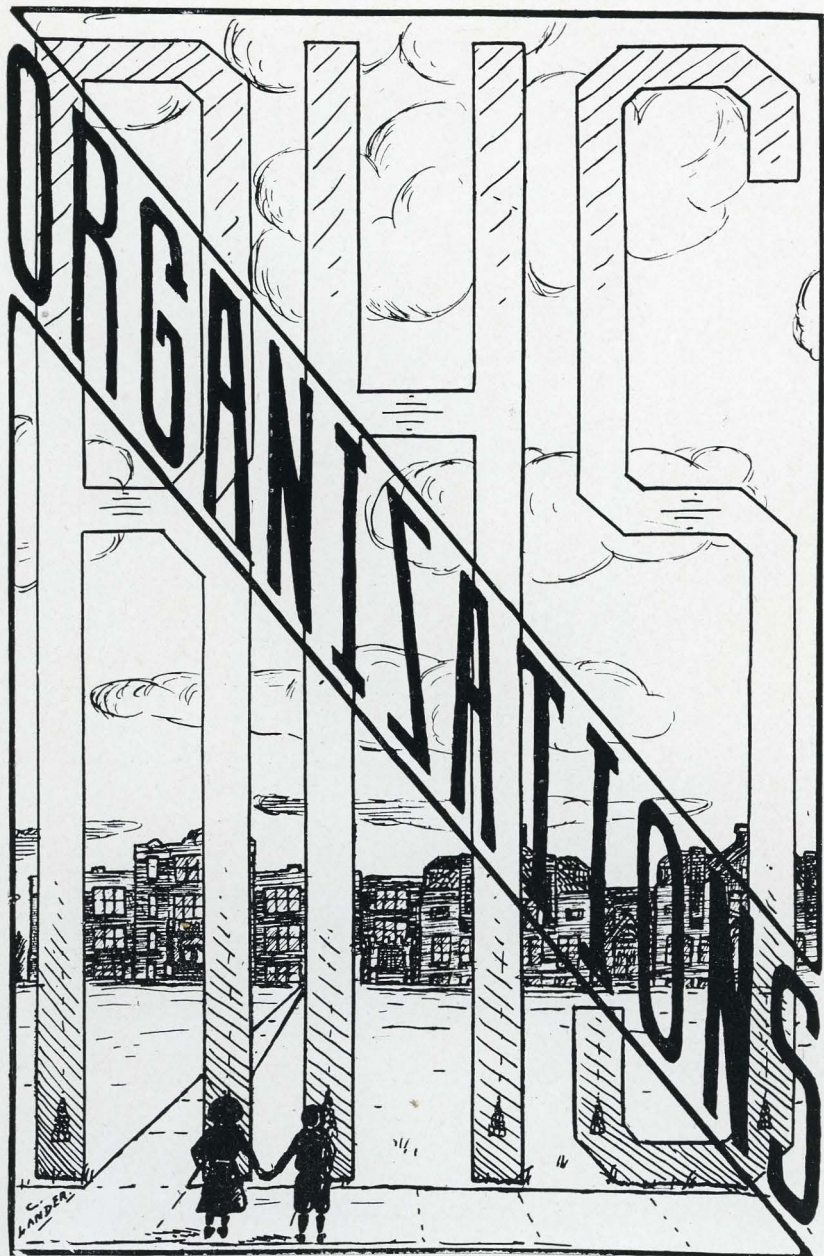
THE same plan was carried out this year as that of the previous year, viz., having a six-team league. The schedule was started early in May and extended into the first part of June. Each team was composed of an equal number of boys from each assembly room, thereby dividing the teams more evenly. The teams, named after their respective captains, are as follows: Doyle's, Asprooth's, Clothier's, Reckhow's, Broderon's and Wiedman's.

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## *Tennis, 1912*

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A NEW sport has entered our list of athletic activities. This is tennis. Each class had two teams, who, with two from the faculty, competed for the championship of the school. The call for candidates brought out some fifty or sixty men, who entered the preliminary tournaments. The interest shown in tennis, in its first season, insures its success in the years to come.



# *Philomathean*

**COLORS:—Gold and Black.**

**Yell:**

De! Di! Do! Dary!

We are literary.

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Philomathean!

## **Officers**

Henry Chase, President	Will Mandeville, Treasurer
William Crandell, Vice Pres	Fred Davis, First Censor
Henry B. Utter, Rec. Secy.	Osborne Wetherell, Second Censor
Paul Conklin, Corr. Secy.	Mr. C. T. Mauller, Critic.

## **Members, 1912**

Clarence Ahlgren	Henry Chase	Roy Messner
Warren Aldrich	Will Crandall	Chellis Clothier
Charles Alford	Elmer Dewey	John Condon
David Anderson	Charles Elliott	Paul Conklin
Clare Bennehoff	Chellis French	Morris Shanhouse
Irving Brown	Jules Houghtaling	Robert Smith
Raymond Carlson	Stanley Johnson	Elmo Sundquist
Walter Chambers	Avery Jones	Maynard Lundgren
	Howard Williams	

## **Members, 1913**

Frank Baehr	Fred Gallagher	Robert Sawdey
Ray Billett	Carl Haddorf	John Skinner
Homer Cotta	Clifford Hand	Stanley Storey
Ralph Cotta	Einar Johnson	Henry Utter
Fred Davis	Williston Reckhow	Lester Weifenbacl
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## **Members, 1914**

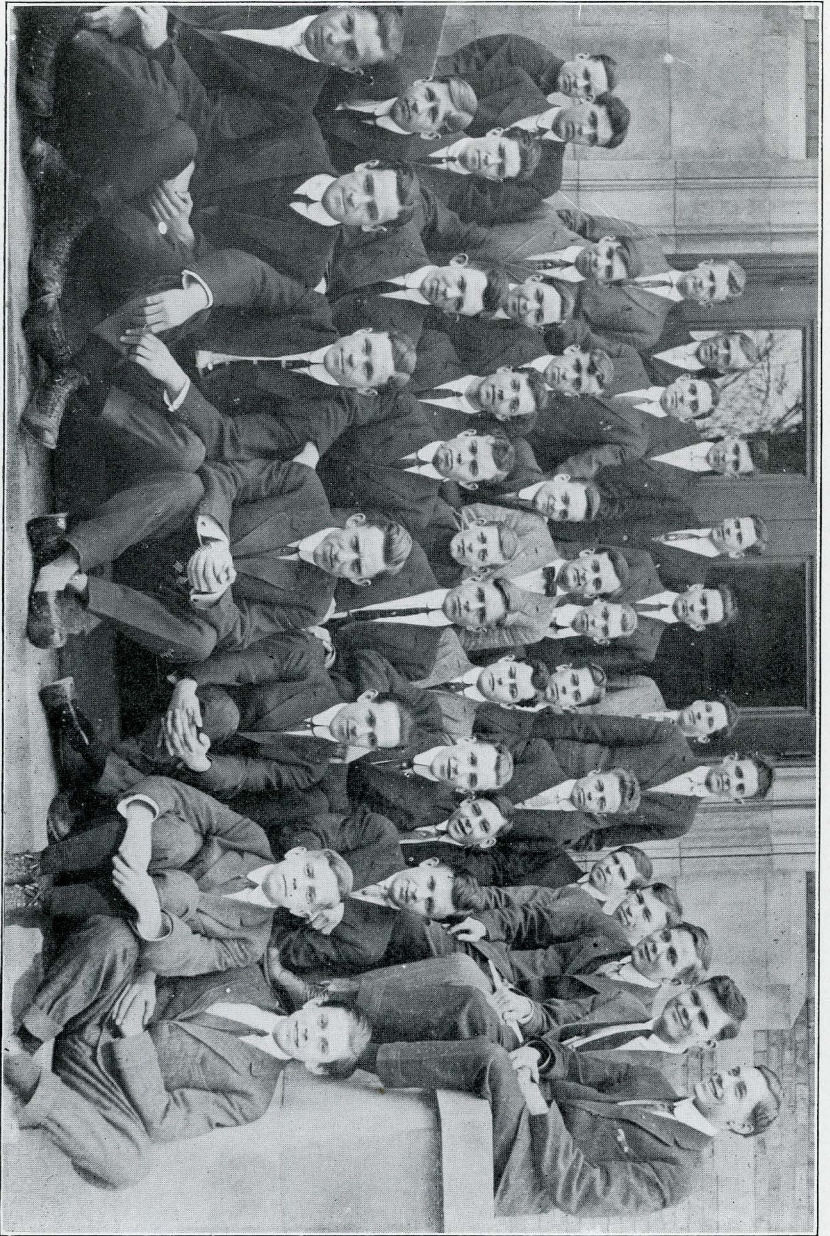
Melville Hayes	Franklin Reck
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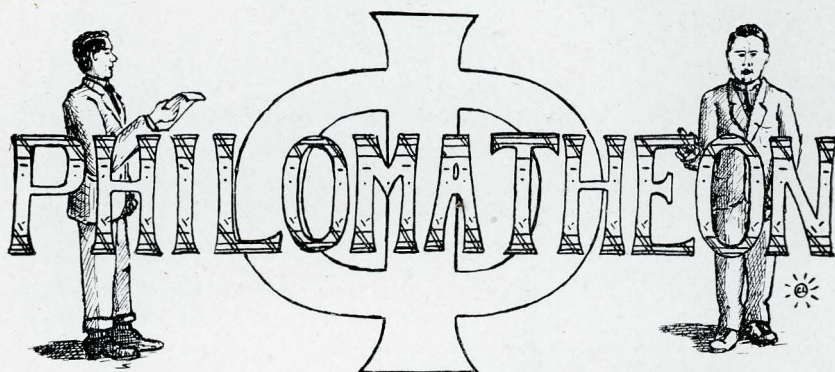
## **Members, 1915**

Walter Rosenthal	"Doc" Allaben
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## **Members, 1911**

Roy Craig





DEAR MR. ANNUAL—

FOR three years you have “slammed” and “knocked” the Boys’ Literary Society. Whether this is due to ill will, or lack of information, I know not. However, I feel that you should know the present state of affairs, and with that thought I will try to draw a true picture of the Philomatheans.

To relate our deeds and misdeeds would only be history which you should already know, if you are so unfortunate as to belong to the “know-nothings” you have missed one-fourth of your life. The only way to regain this will be to read the Chronicles, volumes 184 to 213, pages 13,923,001; 18,543,210.

But to return to the Philomatheans. The “Philos” stand for the best in R. H. S. This is no boast, but actual fact. I do not like to talk like that but as you do not know the “Philos,” plain startling truth will have to be presented. No ath’etic team was fought last year without being represented by a member. The same may be said of every oratorical contest. “The Owl,” Dramatics, Wireless Club, Band, bring more Philomatheans on the stage.

This semester the president of every class in R. H. S. answered to the roll call. In brief, Mr. Year Book, the Philomathean is the most democratic, cosmopolitan, organization in our R. H. S. With this in mind, Mr. Annual, you may give us a kick or a boost; whichever it is, we will come back just as strong and progressive next year.

Yours respectfully,  
AN “INDIG.”

## *Biology Club*

Every fine Friday afternoon, from early April until school closes, one may see a merry crowd of boys and girls laden with boxes and nets leaving school. This is the Biology Club starting on a field trip. Anyone interested in Nature may belong to this club, but the Botany and Zoology classes form the active members. Those interested in Botany obtain spring flowers and plants, and in the trips taken in the fall they secure leaves and fruits. The Zoology pupils observe birds and their habits, and secure insect specimens.

A committee elected from each of the classes choose the place for the trip, and write up an account of the outing. The committees for the Botany classes are: Ruth Bergquist, Pearl Metlin, and Norman Nelson, Sec.; Marion Johns, Robert Sawdey and Loretta Miller, Sec. For the Zoology class the committee is Bertha Langwill, Ruth Tait and Hattie Johnson, Sec.

The biggest event of the season is the picnic held near the close of school.

L. M., '12.

### MEMBERS OF THE BIOLOGY CLUB

#### Zoology

Ruth Carlson	Margaret Heffran	Elsie Morris
Zada Cameron	Mildred Wright	Bertha Langwill
Lena Braconier	La Relda Wing	Beda Kjellstrom
May Anderson	Lucile Welch	Ruth Tait
Dorothy Jones	Astrid Gustafson	Marion Tait
Hattie Johnson	Hester Morton	Blanche Rowan
Gertrude Olson	Gertrude Lonergan	

#### Botany

Effie Rosenquist	Mona Wright	Norman E. Nelson
Judith Peterson	Miriam Fisher	Florence Wessman
Madeline Isaacson	Laura Larson	Frank H. Wagner
Kathryn Quirk	Pearl Hayes	Helen McAllister
Elizabeth Tynan	Nellie Richards	Esther L. Lins
Ethel Erickson	Loretta Miller	Julia Johnson
Lynne Putney	Stanley Putnam	Rose Baumgarten
Marion Johns	Pearl Met'in	Loretta Condon
Robert Sawdey	Muriel Olson	Clara Fisher
Marie Gleasman	Helen Rundquist	Ruth Forsberg
Irene Bubser	Ruth Bergquist	



## *Philippic*

Motto:—"Work and Win."

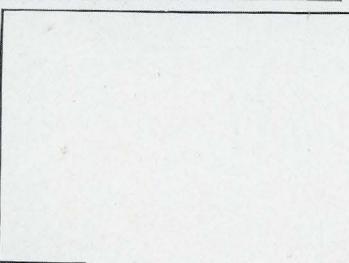
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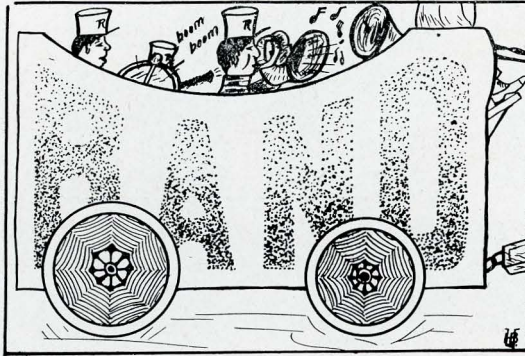
The Philippic Literary Society, now in its fourth year, has completed one of the most successful periods of its existence. The society has increased from eleven charter members to thirty wide-awake, enterprising, and enthusiastic Philippics. The society has raised the standard of the scholarship of its members and has added a great deal to their enjoyment of school life. In truth the high water mark of interest and enthusiasm among the girls has been reached this last semester.

Among the activities of the Philippic this year was the Hollo'een party, to which the refreshments, the amusements, and the decorations contributed. As this is Leap Year, the girls celebrated the fact by giving "their brother" Philomatheons a party on Leap Year Day in the gymnasium; even the boys enjoyed this because there were "eats." An interesting and amusing meeting consisted of the departments of an original Ladies' Home Journal. On April Fool's Day the meeting was given up to a mock (?) banquet with toasts and refreshments.

Of more general interest was the presentation of "The Brown Paper Parcel," in the Auditorium early in April. This farce was written by members of the Philippic, was coached by Miss Corcoran, censor of the society, and all the parts were taken by members of the society. During the month of May, they held a May party in the woods. Old fashioned festivities were revived and all were delighted with the occasion.

Although this article seems to emphasize the social side of the Philippic, the hard work done along the lines of debating, declamation, and parliamentary drill, as evidenced by the class work of the girls should not be minimized. With the self-reliance thereby attained the Philippics are looking forward to a very helpful and prosperous fifth year.



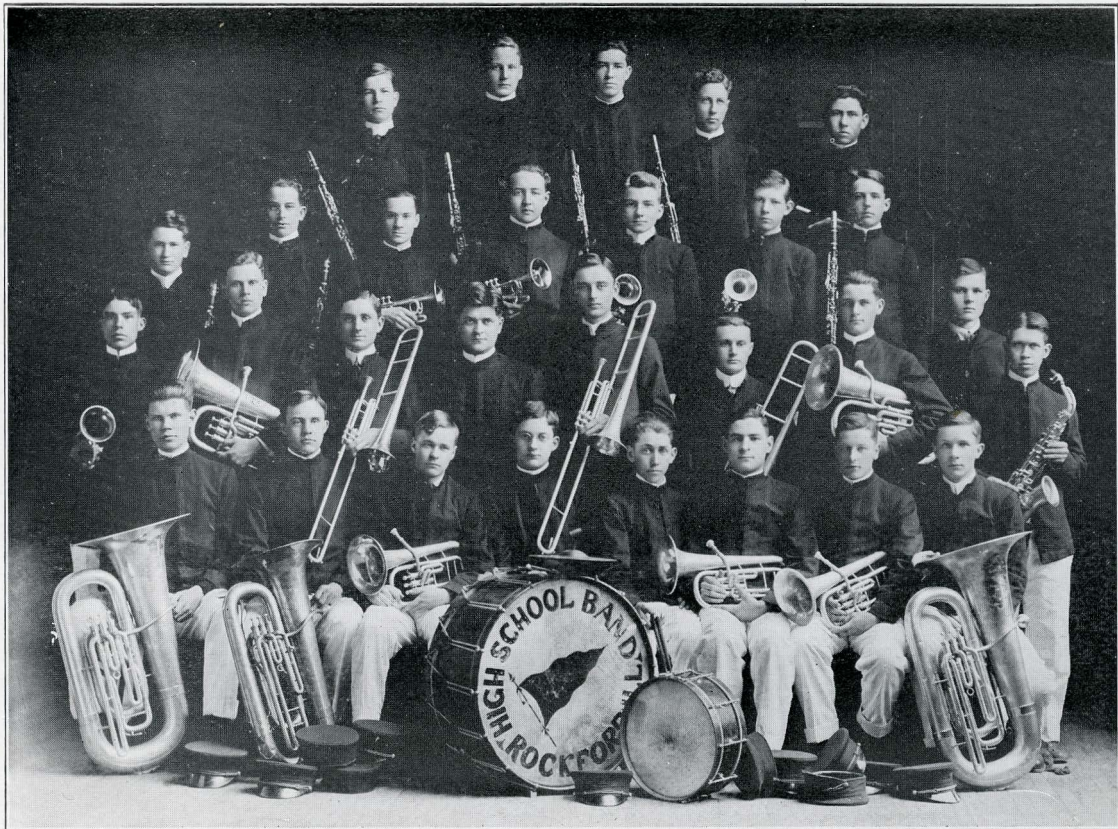


The Rockford High School Band, a self supporting organization, has just completed its fifth year of success. The band owns thirty-three instruments, which are: One bass drum, two snare drums, three basses, two baritones, three trombones, five altos, three cornets, two saxaphones, one E flat piccolo, one D piccolo, two oboes, one E flat clarinet, and seven B flat clarinets. In addition to these, two use their own cornets, one his alto, another his clarinet.

At the annual concert on Jan. 19th, two hundred and twenty-three dollars were cleared, which was used for music and instruments. This sum did not free the Band from indebtedness, but with the proceeds from the "Made in Rockford Show," where they played three evenings, left a small balance in the treasury. Besides playing at every football and basketball game held in Rockford, the Band went to Aurora with the football team.

Eight members of the band are seniors: Roland Cadwell, bass; Chellis French, baritone; Raymond Carlson, E flat clarinet; Eugene Spafford, solo cornet; Walter Aten, solo cornet; Maurice Shanhouse, trombone; David Anderson, baritone; and Henry McClafferty, trombone.

The Rockford High School Band is one of the few high school bands in the state, and its value cannot be overestimated by the members of the school or the citizens of Rockford.



## *Girls' Glee Club*

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**Motto:**—"Songs consecrate Truth and Liberty."

**Yell:**—Bunco, bunco, Bunco, bunco

Here we go

Rockford High School Glee Club.

### **Officers**

Grace Klaeger, President

Pauline Mannix, Vice-President

Leda Hazard, Secretary and Treasurer

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The Girls' Glee Club was organized the first part of the year, under the capable direction of Mrs. Edward Maurice Pierce.

The girls have worked diligently and excellent results have been obtained. An especially fine program was given in a ssembly March fourth, under the auspices of the club. Pauline Mannix, the soloist, sang two songs in her most delightful manner. Their rendition of "Sleep, Kentucky Babe," brought forth unlimited applause. (It is doubtful yet whether it was for the singing or for the girls.) Even though the club has been formed but recently, we have settled down to our regular work, and the eighth period on Tuesday has been set aside for practice.

It is hoped that the club may continue to grow, and succeed as well as it has started.





### *Members of Glee Club*

Grace Klaeger, '12  
 Frances Karlson, '12  
 Mildred Grant, '12  
 Alfield Cone, '12  
 Hazel Lindstrom, '12  
 Beulah Palm, '12  
 Aura Pehrson, '12  
 Mildred Peterson, '12

Mildred Rice, '12  
 Pauline Mannix, '13  
 Cecilia Parker, '13  
 Miriam Fisher, '13  
 Esther Warner, '13  
 Laura Gilmore, '13  
 Leda Hazard, '14  
 Gertrude Boyer, '14

To the persons who assisted in various ways towards the issue of our "High School Annual", we tender thanks, and hearty appreciation of their efforts.

THE ANNUAL BOARD.



## *The Lunch Room Fraternity*

### RITUAL SONG

Sing a song of Pork Chops,  
Pockets full o' pie,  
Four and twenty Hamburgs  
Hot from the fry.

Second verse to be sung with pathos.

A book of French  
A glass of milk,  
A piece of pie,  
And thou sitting beside me in the lunch room  
Is happiness enow.

Colors:—Rare Roast Red and Lettuce Green

Flower:—Pillsbury's Best

### Exalted Ruler

Miss Gertrude Smith

### Worthy Patrons

The members of the Rockford Woman's Club.

### Members

All those students of R. H. S. who desire a warm, appetizing meal which would satisfy the discriminating taste of an Epicurean, are eligible to the Lunch Room Fraternity.

## *Wireless Club*

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**Motto:**—You can look, and you can listen, but **Mum** is the word.

### Officers

Carl Hand, President                  John Weirick, Secretary

### Members

Carl Hand, '13	Wayne Stevens, '15	Frank Kimball, '13
Harold Pearson, '12	Irvin Kendall, '12	John Weirick, '13
Ruben Celander, '13	Levi Mellin, '14	Eugene Huffman, '14
Seth Morgan, '14	Ray Price, '14	John Spalding, '15

During the last six months, the Wireless Club has done more in making improvements than ever before.

One of the latest things is the new 250-ft. aerial, which has given excellent results, and has increased the boys' interest in the club.

Although the game of checkers, which has been started with a member of the Beloit Wireless Club, is not yet finished, we are making an excellent showing.

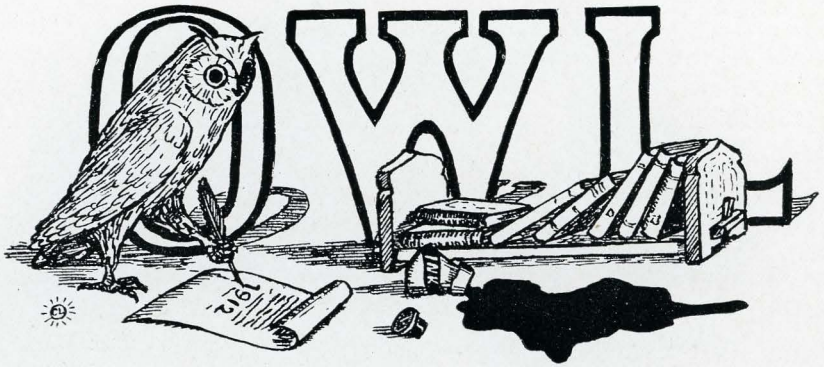
Some of the wireless stations heard are: DeKalb, Belvidere, Pecatonica, Freeport, Beloit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Cape Hatteras, Detroit, Sault St. Marie and Kenosha.

The high school often disturbs Chicago and Milwaukee, which is evidenced by the receipt of their interference call, "99." This shows that we are sending a long distance, and really have the "goods."

Within the next year the club expects to have certain hours when communications will be made with amateur stations. This should stir up the enthusiasm of boys not in the club, and get them interested along the line of wireless telegraphy. It is not a thing of the past, but a very promising thing of today, and even more so for the future.

The club now consists of about a dozen boys who spend many evenings after school in the wireless room, (better known to them as room 52W), practicing the Morse code, now used throughout the United States.

A meeting is held every Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hand always has an interesting talk for the members, and performs many experiments which are greatly appreciated.



Mr. Charles C. Gordon, head of the English Department, has had the faculty management of the Owl for five years. He also wills the destinies of the R. H. S. Annual.

Motto:—"United we stand; divided we fall."

Colors:—Crimson and Black.

Stanley Johnson, '12	Editor
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Emory Hall, '12	Asst. Manager
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Maude Peacock, '13	Organizations
Bertha Langwill, '12	Literary
Milton Hult	News
Mr. C. C. Gordon	Censor

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 Emory Hall

Now as the career of the R. H. S. Owl is ended for the season of 1911-1912, it is time to ask the wise old bird what it has done.

I. The Owl started its flight this year with much success in financial ways, due to the hard work of the managers and support of the advertisers.

II. A new cover was designed, and the book itself was increased in pages.

III. News of Faculty, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen, History, Science, English, Mathematics, Drawing, Manual Training, Music, and other classes, was kept up continually throughout the year. Plenty of material was handed in for almost every copy. In some cases there was more than enough, which showed the right spirit. Different arrangements of the items and stories were tried out and met with pleasure.

IV. The drawings were splendid and assisted greatly in raising the standard of the paper.

V. The prosperous career of this paper was due not to any one person, but to the many who have willingly helped out. The board of Editors and Reporters worked consistently for almost every copy and many who were not mentioned were very faithful in their work.

Here's to a prosperous career and great success for the 1912-1913 Owl. May you never lack abundant material.



Manager Frank Johnson.



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Art Raymond Carlson.



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Exchanges Duncan Forbes.



Faculty Charlotte Petritz.



Freshman Milton Hult.

## Our Gymnasium

In R. H. S. the Gym is great!  
We learn so much that's new,  
We learn to walk and stand so straight,  
How to be graceful, too.

Our folk-dances are lots of fun,  
Without them we would lack,  
And sometimes we go out and run,  
Along the cinder track.

We have three kinds of ladders now  
We use at different times  
'Most ev'ry girl in class knows how  
To chin herself three times.

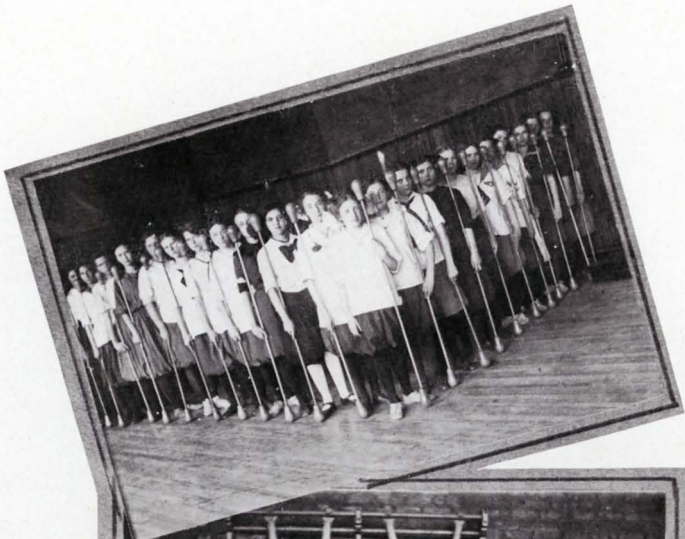
We also learn how to obey  
The orders as they chance,  
Which Miss Hill gives us every day,  
To halt, retreat, advance.

But best of all, we think, are games,  
Our tag and captain ball  
And many, many other names  
Are here enjoyed by all.

'Most ev'ry girl in school has had  
Gymnasium first or last,  
And every one is very glad  
That thus her lot was cast.

H. W '12.







*Junior Class*



*Sophomore Class*

## *The Makers of the Book*

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**Junior:**—Williston Reckhow, Louise Kern.

**Sophomore:**—Norman Peterson, Doris Thayer

**Freshmen:**—Milton Hult, Alice Lagerberg.

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Mrs. Holmes, our matron, is one of the best friends our high school has. She is beloved by all who see her pleasant face in the hall, but she is especially dear to the girls for the kindness and ready sympathy which she shows.



Carlson



Elliott



Langwill



Chase



Alford



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Gordon



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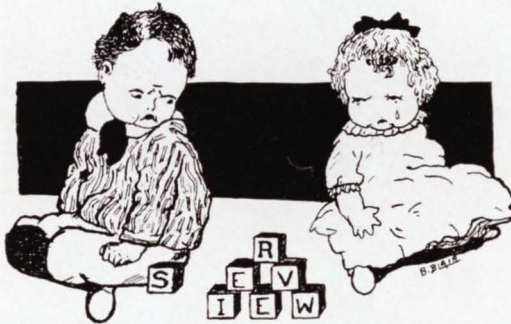
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## *The Annual*

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If to you we seem quite senseless,  
Senseless students mocking logic,  
If, perchance our book is lacking,  
Lacking any sign of reason,  
We, the Annual Staff, beseech you,  
We beseech you and implore you,  
You the pupils of R. H. S.  
To be kind in criticizing  
Our true efforts for to please you.

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-FRESHMAN TROUBLES-

# *The Heroine*



## Ladies

For the next ten days we shall send out upon request, our catalog of the "Latest Modes of Hairdressing" with every order for puffs or hair goods. We use nothing but human hair.

Triple Stem Switches.

LINDSTROM HAIR  
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Newest Fads.  
Watch for my exhibition  
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Smiles come hard in the morning after you have spent a nerve-wrecking night on a lumpy, unyielding mattress. But it's easy to smile the Messner smile after a night's sleep on a Messner mattress.

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Our  
Windows  
Tell  
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## Ladies' Tailoring Establishm't

See my attractive showing of new fabrics.  
Order your fall suit now.

RAYMOND HAYER  
Basement of Knox & Co.

"Whose heart is he breaking tonight," and all the latest Ragtimes.

Come—See—Buy

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## Grand Opera House

September, 1912  
Don't miss the renowned Orators.

F. BAEHR

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E. SUNDQUIST

Seats now on Sale  
Special rates by the box.

## To My Friends

An Invitation is extended to "trip the light fantastic" on wheels.

W. Holder Aldrich

## Editorials

The cover for this number was painted by our well known and celebrated artist, Mr. Raymond Carlson. We believe this to be his greatest masterpiece and know our readers will be highly pleased with it. The original has recently been hung in the Louvre, Paris, and is closely watched by body guards. Two of Raphael's and several of De Vinci's have been taken down to make room for this priceless work of art, and an enlargement of the Louvre is contemplated to make room for the enthusiastic throngs.

However a miniature copy in tin type with no advertising, may be had by sending ten cents to our office as long as the supply lasts. Please address:

Art Department  
**The Heroine**  
 23 Fun Street  
 Corkville, - Mo.

We wish to announce to our readers that in this number we have given the latest stage notes and the newest fashions. In some way our representative for the article, "Suffragettes and the Home," failed to arrive in time for publica-

tion. Her tour thru Freeport, Kenosha, and Cherry Valley was extended to Byron for greater information on the subject. However, this excellent article will be printed in pamphlet form and mailed to all who send for it, if they enclose twenty cents for postage.

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## Girls

Are you tired of typewriting, sewing and other common employments? Try something different, novel and interesting! For further particulars consult Miss Pellens, who has lately been added to our editorial staff.

STYLES

How quickly styles come and how quickly they go,  
 All over the world you'll find it just so,  
 At old Rockford High School, examples you'll see,  
 So just stop a moment and consider with me.

Remember how full those skirts used to be,  
 Or is it so long that 'tis past memory.

Remember when curls used to be all the rage,  
 And ads of these beauties filled up a whole page.  
 Then party caps sheltered each charming head,  
 Though they looked like a sight, most all the boys said.

Where have they gone; those puffs and those curls,  
 And sweet party caps, the pride of the girls?

The full skirts are cut to be made into four.  
 Those puffs and those curls laid away in the drawer.  
 The party caps too, that adorn each fair head,  
 These all are now used for night caps instead.

M. B. '12



GIRLS' ORCHESTRA

Perhaps R. H. S. student have not been aware of the fact that we have a very eminent orchestra in our midst. They really have not given a recital as yet, but are gradually working up to one which will rival all grand operas. This will take place the Saturday night after commencement, in Water Works Park.

The program already arranged is as follows

(Note:—After much exertion the company have obtained the services



of the noted soloist Senior Harvey DeForest.)

Program

"In the Good Old Summer Time."

Entire Orchestra

"Oh Algebra! How can I bear to Leave Thee."

Piccolo solo by Olga Rose DeVries

"My Hero" Mackey

Banjo solo by Bertha Langwill

"Turkey in the Straw"

Solo (audience permitting)

Mr. Forest

Duet (at any cost)

G. Thomas vs. H. Sheldon

Alexander's Ragtime Band (Closing Overture)

Thirty minutes Intermission.

Specialty .Jokes a la Chestnut  
E. Dewey

"Oceana Roll"

Entire Orchestra

"Il Travatore" (extract from Grand Opera)

Mr. Forrest assisted by audience  
Flute Duet.

Marion Barber and Martha Nelson

"My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean"

Sweet Potato solo by Bessie Blair.

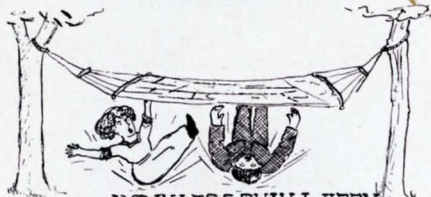
"Who are You with Tonight, Tonight" (we're not inquisitive only we'd like to know.)

Entire Company

The audience is earnestly requested not to throw garden truck or henney produce. Bricks may be obtained from the gentlemanly ushers. Attendants will report promptly to management any inattention on the part of the audience. Persons unable to resist weeping at the jokes will please step outside. Rain checks may be had at the door.



A DARING ATTEMPT AT KIDNAPING



AND IN THE MEANTIME THEY LANDED LIKE THIS.

YOUNG PEOPLES' PERPLEXITIES ANSWERED BY ISABELLA BRUSH

(Understudy to Eleanor Huntsworth Phillips)

Dear Miss Brush:

I just can't make my eyes behave.



What can I do to cure this annoying habit?

M. F

My Dear Young Reader:

I have pondered deeply on this question. However the most effectual cure to be obtained would be to wear flannel glasses, thus making it less conspicuous.

My Dear Miss Brush.

How can I seat myself most gracefully when it is impossible to encase my pedal extremities beneath the desks in the Aud.?

George P

Upon entering the Aud., start to the tune of 'Left, right, left, right,' and upon approaching your seat, gradually emerge into the grapevine twist.

Dear Brushie:

I am very fond of chewing gum. However, one thing greatly perplex-

es me. Where is the proper place to deposit it when eating lunch?

A. Cone

It is best to keep it in your mouth to avoid attracting attention. But should it become sticky and glued to the roof of the mouth, immediately call attention to some other part of the room, hastily cast it in the aisle where some passing individual will most graciously relieve you of your burden.

Dear Miss Brush:

How can I be more helpful to the ladies? I really enjoy assisting the dear things and would like to be instructed further on this subject.

Raymond C.

My Dear Young Hopeful.

It is indeed a great pleasure to receive a letter from one so promising and gallant. Be ever ready to help the fair ones. You really need a permanent excuse for sixth hour to carry out your plan successfully. Station yourself at the first lady's locker, and holding her things, wait for her arrival, meanwhile presenting the appearance of a human hall-tree. Madly dash from her to another until you have reached as many as possible and have to give up from sheer exhaustion.

Dear Miss Brush:

I have a hearty laugh which shakes me violently when exercised and I am completely exhausted for several moments. It is reducing me to a mere shadow. What can I do to guard against these serious attacks?

J. H.

My Dear Young Man.

Your case is really pathetic. There is one way out of your trouble. When you hear a joke think of the faculty basketball team and weep.

**"HEALTH AND GOOD LOOKS"**

(Conducted by Dr. Quack)

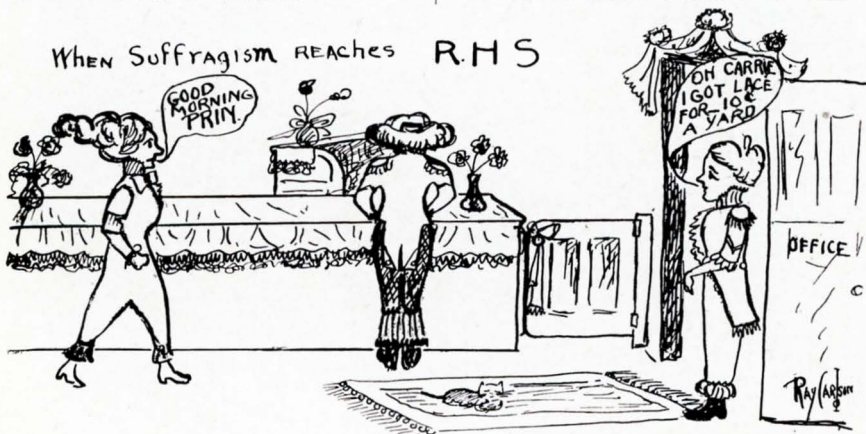
Dear Doctor:

I would give a great deal to grow taller. I am seventeen years of age and am only four feet eleven inches.

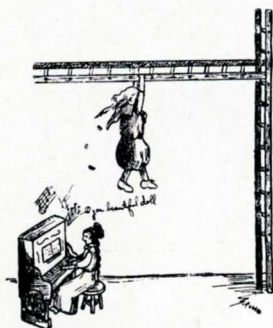
Very truly,

Bernice J.

I greatly fear that you are too old to grow much taller. You should diet on tall food such as celery, asparagus and rhubarb. A good exercise is to suspend yourself on an open door with flat-irons on both feet for one-half hour at a time. Swing vigorously to and fro. A second exercise is to begin



with the hands placed on the wall and gradually place one hand above the other as far as you can reach. It might be more effective to do it on the side of the house where you could scale a ladder. This repeated twenty times a day with grace and rythm will put you in the



ORPHEUM A LA GYM

latitude of Aldrich, Anderson, Sundquist and others.

Dear Dr. Quack:

Lately I have been bothered with a nightmare nightly. It is wearing on me so, and I can feel myself pinning away from its effects. About 2 o'clock I am awakened, I jump up, see something staring me in the face with fiery eyes, and claw-like hands groping around the room. My heart stops still, I can feel my hair on end, my blood surdling, and icy drops trickling down my vertebrae. In this benumbed condition I lie until dawn. What can be done?

C. Bennehoff.

My Dear Reader:

Your case is sob-provoking. Accept my deepest sympathy.

Dr. Quack formally announces the completion of an invention to which he has devoted his life. Be sure and read the following:

"Dimples made in 24 hours by my new discovery, Dimpoleum. Every package guaranteed to be absolutely satisfactory or your money back."

#### Testimonial

I have used Dr. Quack's Dimpoleum throughout my high school career and heartily recommend it to all my friends.

Yours,

Stanley Johnson.

For further recommendations see Mr. Little or Cassius Maxwell.

#### NOTES OF THE FOOTLIGHTS

A brief summary of the World's most famous players.

Cassius Maxwell is now starring in "Girls, Girls, Girls."

Robert Rogan is still successfully touring in "The Land of Nod." This is his fourth year.

Carrol Day, who has just put all Europe and part of Asia in a trance, is now in "The Spring Chicken," at the Winnebago Town Hall.

Henry Utter as "Chuck," and Grace Klaeger as "Irma," are mak-

#### A ROSE BETWEEN TWO THORNS (SEEN OFTEN AT THE GYM PARTIES) POOR LAD



ing a hit in "The Strollers."

Janet Wormwood is singing the title role in "Excuse Me."

Amy Lundberg has been engaged for another year in "The Show Lady."

Minnie Lewis is making good in "The Easiest Way."

**WHAT GIRLS HAVE FOUND OUT**

An excellent recipe for face cream is One pound of melted bitter chocolate to one quart of cooked oatmeal. Add a pint bottle of vanilla to give the desired fragrance. Apply in lather one inch thick every evening before saying your prayers.

I have found this to be a necessary article at summer resorts.

I. Burr

A sweet smile and a winning way insure lasting popularity Every girl should manufacture these arts in order to have a good time. I can guarantee them to work beautifully.

Susie.

Mincing up and down the school halls with a bag of candy, one's best friend, and a few (not too many)' youthful admirers tagging along is one way of reducing. I have removed much of my superfluous averdupois in this manner and have become quite willowy.

Cecelia P

An innocent expression should be cultivated by one who wishes to be beautiful.

Violet.

A bright and happy disposition is a fine asset. A cheerful greeting, such as "Howdy!" or "Hello there!" works wonders.

Alice F

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD



Tight skirts should never be worn in gym or when jumping mud puddles, as they prevent one from doing the required exercises in a graceful manner.

Betty and Alfield.

Every girl who can should possess an auto in which to take her fiance riding. This is an innocent sport, but one which is sure to bring joy to the participants.

Lora.

It is absolutely unnecessary to have one's ears show. They can easily be covered up if one has enough hair.

E. Warner.

**LATEST BOOKS**

"The Blood Curdling Tale of the Dead Man's Tooth"—Avery Jones. Full of thrilling incidents from the life of the author. Holds the reader spell bound from cover to cover. Price 10c. R. H. S. students half price.

"How My Wife Does Things." Cleverly illustrated by the author. Spenserian Stanza. Full of my latest chestnuts. T J. Haight.

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My new tooth wash. Makes them white and pearly. Every bottle guaranteed to do nothing worse than rust them, and has been known to grow a full set of new teeth.

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Adults, 5c. Children in arms admitted free. Latest film pictures of Carl Hand in his thrilling aeronautic stunts.

**JULES HOUGHTALING**

Head Usher

## **In Memoriam**

**George Blake**

Dec. 14, 1894

Sept. 24, 1911

**Byers McDowell**

Sept. 27, 1897

Jan. 4, 1912

## Dramatics

### *The Brown Paper Parcel*

(Original Philippic Play)

#### Cast

#### College Girls

Patricia .....	Letitia Knight
Betty .....	Hazel Wilcox
Josephine .....	Mildred Miller
Rachel .....	Olive Safford
Aunt Suzanna .....	Eleanor Smith
Janet, the maid .....	Lucile Jenks
Mrs. Dinklespiel .....	Mabel Johnson
Miss Gartland, principal .....	Elsie Morris
Kindergarten Teacher .....	Bernice Fulton
Freshie .....	Josephine Morris

#### The Junior and Senior Reception Play

#### MR. BOB

Act. 1.—Breakfast room at Tresham. Time, morning.

Act 2.—Same place. Time, afternoon.

#### Characters

Philip Royson .....	Arthur Wiedman
Robert Brown, Clerk of Benson's and Benson.....	Jules Houghtaling
Rebecca Luke, a maiden lady .....	Minnie Lewis
Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's butler.....	Raymond Carlson
Katherine Rogers .....	Marie Fish...
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend .....	Mary Rogers
Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid .....	Kathryn Barrett

The first scene, Katherine is waiting for her friend Marion to arrive. Philip thinks that Katherine's friend is a man, as she is nicknamed Bob. Some fun is then planned at Philip's expense. The appearance of Mr Brown adds to the confusion.

The second scene begins with the love affair of the butler and the maid which is very comical. Katherine watches the boat race from the door and reports to Philip who is not aware that it is Katherine's friend sailing his boat.

The climax is reached when Marion wins the races. Katherine, the mischief-maker, also the match-maker, explains everything to the satisfaction of all.



## *The Tale of the Tail of the 1912 Comet*

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### SYNOPSIS OF "THE TALE OF THE TAIL OF THE 1912 COMET"

Clara White, a wealthy and frivolous young maid entertains fifteen former school chums to learn aeronauting. Next to her large estate is a Bachelors' Club, consisting of twenty handsome young men who have pledged themselves to have nothing to do with the Fair Sex.

Clara and her friends determine to make them change their minds. Harold Wiseman, the president, meets Clara and falls in love with her winsome ways and charming voice. Clara takes him up in her air ship, loses control and drops into a dense forest. Some dainty little nymphs rescue them and entertain them by graceful tripping and dancing in their leafy home.

The Bachelors find single life very tiresome. An antiquated actress, and her much painted and befrilled followers arrive to charm the weary ones. Bill and Will, the twins, are in love with Jane and Mary. They make a mistake and elope with the wrong girls and live unhappily ever after.

The president is kidnapped by the antiquated actress, and soon finds out that beauty isn't even skin deep sometimes, and life is not what it seems.

Clara, deserted and heart-broken, starts a home for heart-broken maids and Homeless cats.

The remaining Bachelors are consoled by the Beauty Chorus in touching little selections which move the Bachelors to — run.

"Bob," the indifferent, fails to escape, and is won by Olga's singing of "I Love You for that Purple Necktie."

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### Orchestra

Irving Brown .....	His Own Horn
Elwood Aldrich .....	Bass Drum
Laurence Wade .....	Snare Drum
Allen Parker .....	Master of Violins
Bob Rogan .....	Second Fiddle to Frank Johnson
Florence Burson .....	Official Rosin Carrier
Clarence Lander .....	Piano, Oceanic Roll specialist
Robt. Murphy .....	Human Piccolo
Stanley Johnson .....	"Owl Harp"
George Patrick .....	Ex-world famous Cornet Player
Adelbert Landry .....	Bass (H)oboe
Raymond Hayer .....	Tenor (H)oboe
Elmo Sundquist, Bass (in) Phiol (omatheon quartet)	
Elmer Dewey .....	Sax-aphone
Charles Elliott .....	(S)ello

Prof. Walter Sheldon leader, having perfected a device by which the leader may face the audience. He has had great success using Emory Hall as a baton.

## *The Tale of the Tail of the 1912 Comet—Con.*

### Executive Staff

General Manager .....	LeRoy Redin
Assistant Manager .....	Paul Conklin
Director .....	Edward North
Treasurer .....	Morris Shanhouse
Press Agent .....	Fritz Nelson
Master of Properties .....	Claire Bennehoff
Costumes .....	Grace Thomas
Scenery .....	Cassius Maxwell
Electrical Effects .....	Walter Aten
Spot-light Twinkler .....	Clarence Ahlgren

### Caste

Leading Lady, Clara White.....	Loretto Miller
Leading Man, Harold Wiseman, also president of the bachelor's Aeronaut Club .....	Avery Jones
Ralph, Harold's chum .....	Paul Conklin
Bob .....	David Anderson
The Twins Bill and Will.....	Herbert and Stanley Lindblade
Queen of Nymphs .....	Vera Hollenbeck
Antiquated Actress .....	Annetta Gibson

### Bachelor Aeronauts

The Law and Speed breakers Tom, Dick, and Harry.....	Emory Hall, Ray Grantz, Bob Rogan
The Duke in disgust .....	Nelson Reck
Curly-locks .....	Chellis Clothier
The Charmer .....	Bob Smith
A High Flyer .....	Elmer Dewey
Coiner of Words .....	Jules Houghtaling
The Poser .....	Clarence Lander
The Tall One .....	Willard Lindsey
The Rescuer .....	Corbett Mackey
The Faithful .....	Roy Messner
Mary's Lamb .....	Bill Mandeville

Henry Chase, Eugene Spafford, Howard Williams, Paul Engstrom, Arthur Wright, Howard Fitch, Erwin Kindell, Chellis

## *The Tale of the Tail of the 1912 Comet—Con.*

French, Roy Sandberg, George Nyman, Walter Chambers (fond of Cones), Warren Aldrich, Chas. F. Brown, Roland Cadwell, Wm. Cutting, Harvey Forest.

### **Fifteen Flighty Girls**

Jane ..... Lydia Sampson  
 May ..... Ruth Sandeen  
 Maud ..... Bernice Weldon

Nellie Scovill, Hazel Wilcox, Helen Sheldon, Ruth Tait, May Anderson, Amy Hollem, Hazel Kendrick, Katherine Kelling, Jessie Martin, Julia Sweet, Mildred Andrews, Ruby Alstrand, Clara Braconier

### **Beauty Chorus**

Ruth Kumlin, Amy Lindblade, Marie Coffey, Alfield Cone, Loretta Gartland, Marion Little, Edna Lundberg, Elsie Stocking, Ethel Endsley, Grace Thomas, Helen Eaton, Delia Thompson, Mabel Douglas, Lucinda Bridgeland, Helen Winqvist, Mona Wright, Margaet Wray, Vera Sanford, Grace Klaeger, Winnifred Ledger, Elsie Marsh, Martha Mensel, Lulu O'Brien, Hildur Pearson, Aura Pearson, Katherine Quirk.

### **Peterson Quartet**

Helen, Jennie, Judith, Mildred

### **Johnson Chorus**

Carl, Elva, Emma, Huldah, Mabel, May, Ruth, Stanley, Frank

### **Six Tiny Nymphs**

Esther Seleen, Lulu Stevenson, Amy Marks, Marion Oudin, Ruth Erffneyer, Gerda Seedoff.

### **Broken Hearted Maids**

Jessie McGaw, Ruth Keig, Fanny Shirk, Olga Schell, Edna Schmauss, Mildred Rice, Mary Rodgers, Bertha Langwell, Marie Kehoe, Olga DeVries, Francis Karlson, Marion Barber, Marie Fish, Pauline Clemmer, Gladys Godard, Mildred Grant, Irma Haffner, Elizabeth Kimball, Olive Safford.

## *The Tale of the Tail of the 1912 Comet—Con.*

### Six Followers of Antiquated Actresses

Florence Burson, Lillian Messner, Lottie McGregor, Gertrude Bliss, Elizabeth Hare, Lillie Gustafson.

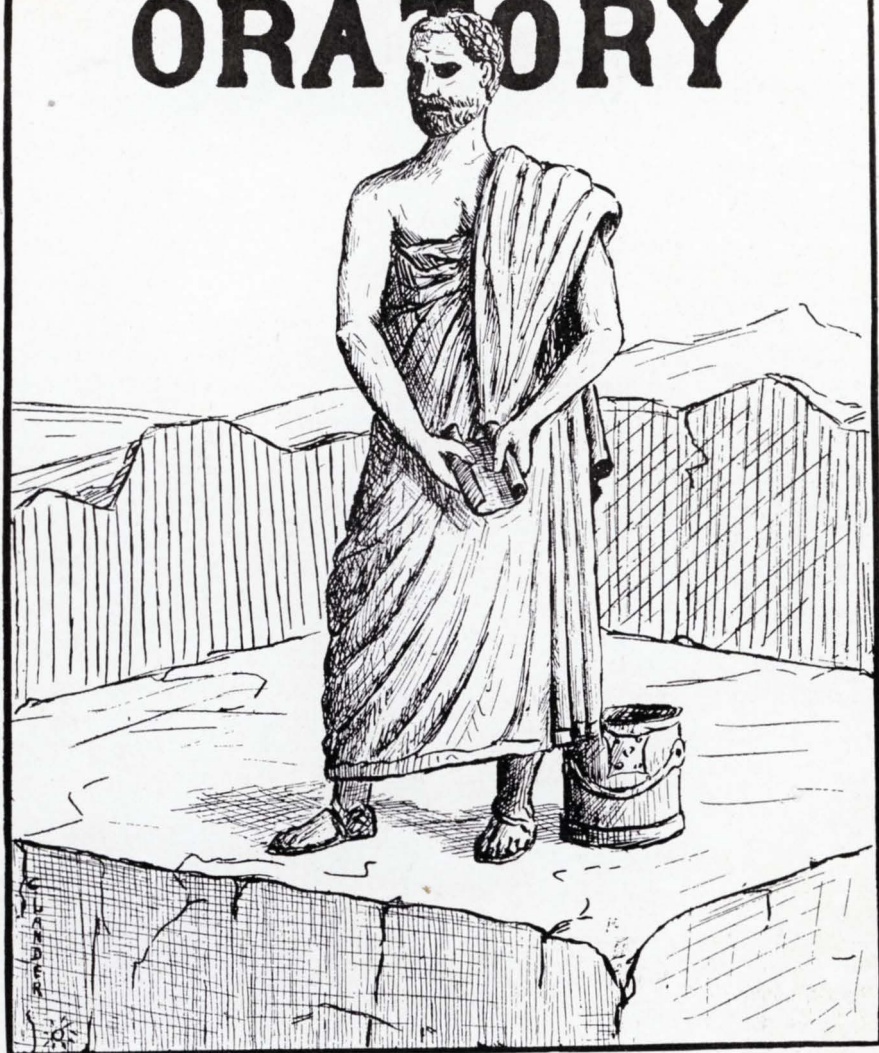
### Song Hits to be Found in the

#### "THE TALE OF THE TAIL OF THE 1912 COMET"

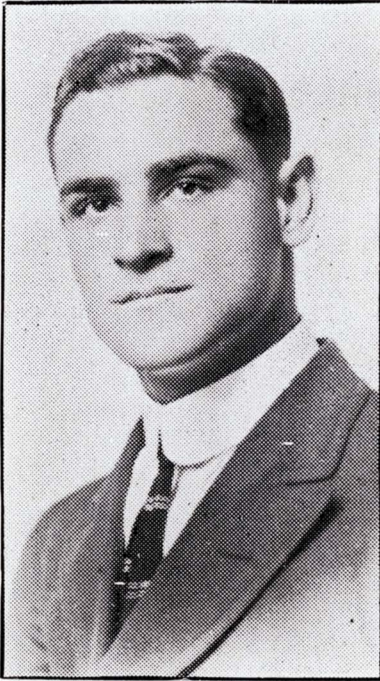
"Oh! That there were another Stanley".....	Alfield Cone
"Freeport Boys are the Boys for Me".....	Jessie McGaw
"Glow, Little Glow-worm" .....	Ruth Weingartner
"Don't Blame Me for Lovin' You" .....	Ruth Keig
"On a Beautiful Night" .....	Chellis French
"Somebody Else Will if You Don't".....	Vera Hollenbeck
"Vale of Dreams" .....	Elizabeth Kimball
"Sweet Faded Roses" .....	Mildred Rice
"Killarney Rose" .....	Ruth O'Brien
"Where, Oh Where have our Little Girls Gone".....	
.....	Henry Chase and Elmer Dewey
"My Brown-eyed Boy" .....	Marion Barber
"Skeleton Rag" .....	"Bones" Camlin
"My College Girl" .....	Don Garrett



# DEBATE AND ORATORY



# Oratory



*Irving L. Brown*

## IRVING BROWN

Winner of first place in the  
Oratorical Contests at

Rockford

Beloit

The District Contest at Dixon.

The State Contest at Champaign.

Subject of Oration "Napoleon"

## EXTEMPORE



**Frank Baehr**

Winner of first place at

The District Contest at Dixon

and third place at

The State Contest at Champaign.



**MR. CHARLES MAULLER**

*Coach in Oratory and Debate*

## *Debating*

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A triangular debate was held May 17th, 1912, between Elgin, LaGrange, and Rockford. The affirmative in each case debated at home, the negative travelled, Rockford's team going to LaGrange, LaGrange to Elgin, and Elgin's negative to Rockford. Each debated the same subject on the same evening.

Resolved That the United States should adopt a general Parcels Post.

### **Affirmative vs. Elgin**

Henry Chase	Jules Houghtaling	David Anderson
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### **Negative vs. LaGrange**

Robert Smith	Paul Conklin	Morris Shanhouse
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The unprecedented success of the Rockford High School in debate and oratory this year brings to mind past honors won upon the rostrum.

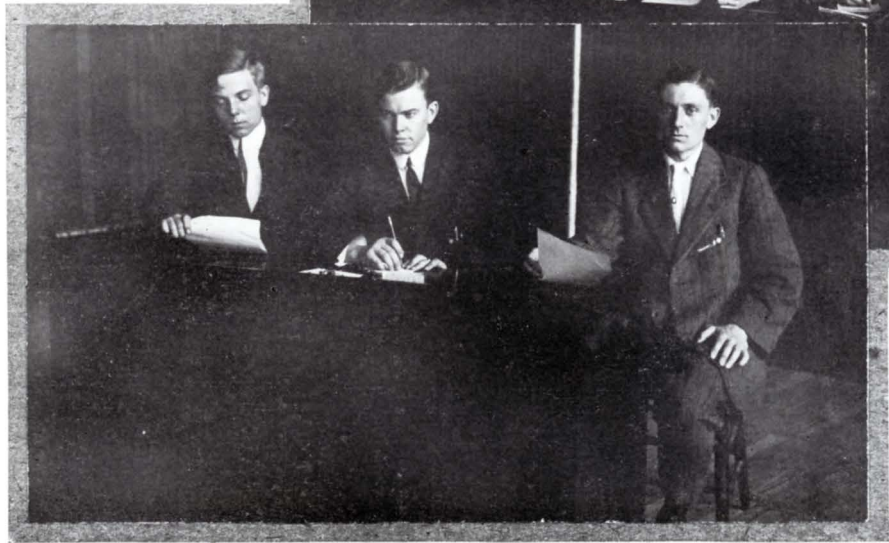
In 1899, just thirteen years ago, Dr Edward J Weld won the silver cup which Mr Irving Brown of 1912 brings back to us. Of the ten young men, each representing an Illinois high school, Mr. Weld was the last on the program. In 1898 Aurora had won first honors, second place going to Edward Montgomery of Rockford. Consequently, with old scores to settle the real contest was between Rockford and Aurora, with Aurora easily the favorite when Rockford's turn came.

Mr Weld had chosen for his subject Civic Patriotism—discussing the dominant political and social questions of the day. An eloquent appeal for civic interest, and action on living issues, made in clear resonant tones, and with an earnestness that aroused and interested a weary audience and won the approval of the judges.

In the autumn of the same year Miss Hare won, in an interstate oratorical contest, a scholarship offered by the University of Chicago.

Miss Hare was most fortunate in the choice of a recitation, which was fine in itself, and given then for the first time before a public audience.

The selection given was an extract from an unpublished paper written for an exclusive eastern club. A graphic story of what is conceded to be the most dramatic session of a national convention in the history of the Republican party at its most dramatic moment, when Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the presidency





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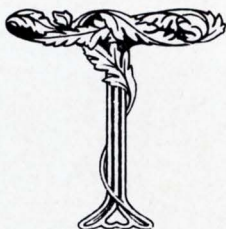
## Preface

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**F**ELLOW STUDENTS! As a box of Lowney's surpasses Pharoah's bed slippers so the following parchments surpass the preceeding ones. And should it come to pass that the morsels dealt in the following pages do not please thy palate---for the sake of courtesy, friend, swallow them and seek ye elsewhere for a more suitable offering. Therefore, brethern and sisterns, prepare ye for the worst, ye are about to learn the truth.

E. D. '12.

*The Jester*  
————— of the —————  
*Class of 1912*



*Published once every year, for one  
year by the refractory members of  
the Annual Board : : : : :*



### *Dedication*

OH! PURP—Venerable Canine!

**M**ANY are the mischievous hearts who have enticed thee into this Labyrinth of Learning. Many are the toilers' eyes who have lifted up at your coming. What other nobler deed might a quadruped—a cur—a whelp—like thee do, than furnish delicate moments of recreation and entertainment for these exhausted beings who trot wearily through these passages? Oh! Fido—If that thy name might be—how underestimated are thy virtues by us. Even in Assembly when some remorseless Father Time totters to the center of the platform, tortures us—the student populace—with home made jokes which were old when Nimrod and Pharoah I. were in their infancy:—you come like the rosy-fingered Dawn to cheer us in our misery. Shall we let thee go unhonored? No! Far be it! To thee, therefore, innocent whelp we solemnly and lovingly dedicate this volume.

E. D.—

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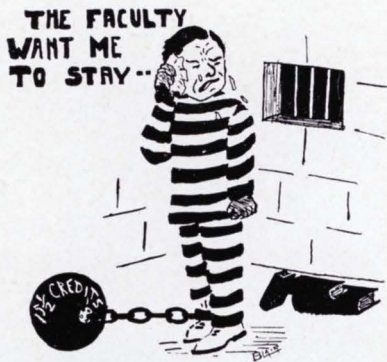
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In Memoriam  
of the  
Good Things  
**Cut**  
from this section  
by the  
**Cynical  
Censor**

## *Faculty*

Oh teacher! If within this book  
You should receive an awful slam,  
Turn the page with just one look  
As meek as any lamb.

Oh! Can't you see how hard it is  
To write this little book.  
Without a slam on the faculty,  
Who are everywhere you look?



# COMING SOON!

Welsh and Walker's Colossal and Consolidated Circus

ONE DAY AND DATE ONLY, JUNE 20th, 1912

Three madly whirling rings of gaiety in the main tent, all under the direction of the distinguished English ring master,

**MR. BRIGGS**

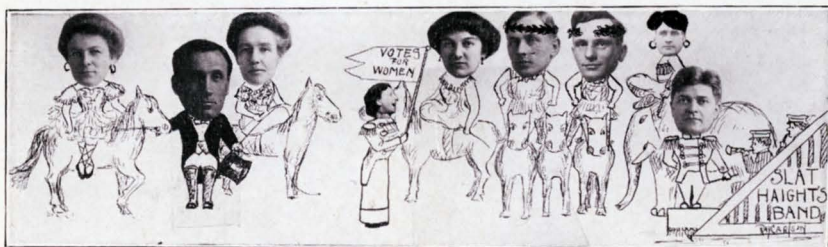
Three beautiful and charming equestriennes who control their famous Latin Ponies

**Mlle. ELENORITA PIERPONT**

**Mlle. MABELLETTE DOBSON**

**Mlle. PUTNAM**

Daring bareback riders including "Hairbreadth Hugo" and LaRobin skilled European performers, defying all former records of speed



Grand Rajah Hull, and his far famed troupe of elephants from the Orient, in a dazzling exhibition of new acts, the most noted of which is the "Turkey Trot."

Colossal Spectacle of Suffragettes

Grand Concert by Slat Haight

Leader of the

**PUMPER NICKLE BAND**

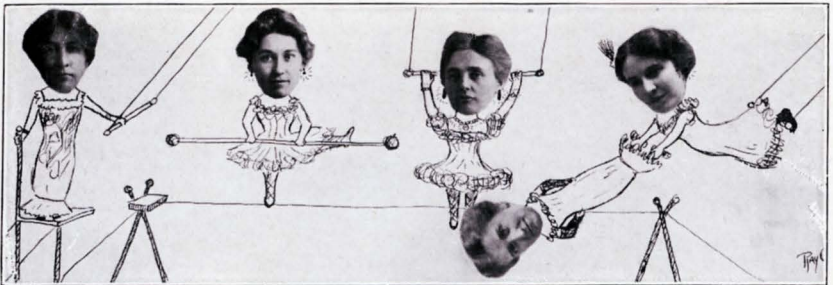
ADULTS 50c

CHILDREN 25c

# LOOK!

## Positively the ONLY Appearance of the Flying Marionettes

The talk of all Europe and America  
Daring Death with Smiles  
The supple, agile madamoselles in  
a new specialty

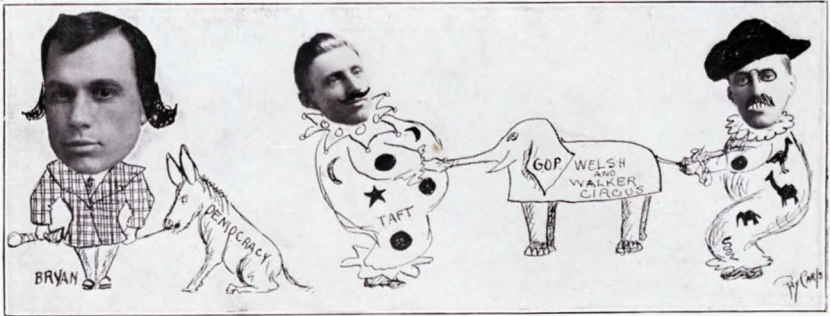


Mlle. Hill, greatest trapeze performer in the world, supported by  
the incomparable trio of stars,

MLLE.CELESTE ANDRIENNE BURT  
MLLE. JULIETTE YVETTE FELL  
MLLE. ANNETTE BLANCHETTE CLARK

The Polish Slack Wire Artist  
GUBY ESTELLE SINDERSOUSKY

# Welsh and Walker's Colossal Circus!



Three funny, frolicking, frivolous clowns whose antics and jovial gibes make one continuous scream of laughter

The Fantello Sisters in their high class acrobatic work are worth the price of admission. The troupe consists of

FLORENZO FOSTER  
 GRACEZO WILBUR  
 AGNESETTE BROWN  
 ANNETTE HUNTER

Immediately after the afternoon performance, Mademoiselle Franelo de la Stevens, the daring aeroplane girl, will make a daring flight. RAIN OR SHINE.



## SIDE SHOW!

O Wa Tanna Duffey, the renowned and native American snake charmer, who handles her terrible and deadly pets with magic skill, reading their moods and tenses through varying meter, each to his own period.

Far famed and sapient seeress, Gipsev Morse, tells fortunes and forecasts the future. All prognostications mathematically demonstrated for the skeptical. All for the additional fee of 50c.

Professor A. C. Norris, introducing his band of educated fleas.

Henry Irving Gordon, the eminent comedian, in his favorite character Petruchio, from Shakespeare's tabloid, "The Taming of the Shrew"

Slivers Stedinger in his inimitable solo act, wherein he reports, writes, prints, sells, and reads a complete metropolitan newspaper, all the parts performed by Slivers.



Prof. Little, the strongest man in Christendom, who actually breaks chains as if they were mere threads. Great weights are lifted with perfect ease.

The Romanian midgets, Ethelette Vincent, Adele Ritchie, Messrs. Bergman and Loos. Smallest people in the world.

## *R. H. S. Faculty Nursery Rhyme*

A is a grade which they seldom present,  
Also an admit for which we're oft sent,  
B is for Bergman and Brightup and Bailey,  
And these are young, handsome, and pleasing, all three,  
B is for Baldwin, who can make pretty gowns,  
And for Agnes and Etta, our much beloved Browns,  
For Burt and For Bull (that's only her name)  
For Miss Brantingham, who is always the same,  
And last but not least for dear Mr Briggs,  
Who is the nicest of men, to the pupil who digs,  
C is for Clark and for Corcoran, too,  
D is for Duffey and Dobson so true.  
E is for Eddy, the only E here,  
F is for Fell and Foster, so dear,  
G is for Giddings and Gordon, our censor,  
He sometimes wonders if our minds could be denser,  
H is for Hunter, Hull Hering and Haight,  
For Hamilton, Haupt, and Hill, never late,  
I am the person who is writing this rhyme,  
I'm only a Senior, I'm not so sublime,  
J is for Johnsons, of whom we have two,  
K is for King, who knows who is who,  
L is for Loos who is often so peeved,  
And also for Little, from athletics relieved,  
M is for Morse, McEvoy and Mauller,  
Our oratory teacher, may he never grow smaller!  
N is for Norris, who is noted for wit,  
O is for office, where we all love to sit,  
P is for Pierce and for Pierpont, so brave,  
For Pellen and Putnam, who never is grave,  
Q is for queer that no Q's we should find,  
R is for Ritchie and Riley, so kind,  
S is for Sinderson, Stevens, and Shrum,  
Also for Stedy, who sure makes things hum!  
T is for Thomas, so stately and tall,  
U are the reader, who'll soon know them all,  
V is for Vincents, mathematical sharks,  
W for Wilbur, who gives us high (?) marks  
Also Miss Waldo comes under this letter,  
Who gives us marks a little bit better (?)  
X, Y, and Z were not represented,  
At the time when this rhyme was being invented.

## *Room Sixty*

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Here we learn rules of etiquette and the tones that harmonize,  
 To see the beauty in common things that are before our eyes  
 To smile and be congenial to everyone we meet,  
 To keep our hands in perfect trim and our papers always neat.  
 So when we leave Room Sixty and go from pole to pole,  
 We'll be amazed at the vulgar ways of the plain uncultured souls.

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Blessed is he who expects nothing for he will never be disappointed.

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## *The Seven Wonders of the World*

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- 1—The Walking Obelisk ..... Mr Haupt  
 2—The Tight-Rope Walker ..... Mr Brightup  
 3—The Highest Authority on the South. Its Cause and Cure....  
 ..... Mr Norris  
 4—The Only Living Dog Tamers ..... Janitors  
 5—The Twin Geniuses ..... Miss McEvoy, once, Miss Burt, twice  
 6—The Whirlwind ..... Mr Bergman  
 7—Last but not least—"Something Nice".....The Faculty Quartet
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A's are divine,  
 B's, too, are fine  
 C's may be passing  
 But D's everlasting.

Four  
 Amusing  
 Chantive  
 Unparalleled  
 Lively  
 Tuneful  
 Youthful

Quick-witted  
 Unteachable  
 Aspiring  
 Refined  
 Talented  
 Entertaining  
 Tuners

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Firm, steadfast and true,  
 Always there to keep you,  
 Calm or tempestuous at times.  
 Unceasingly watchful you'll find,  
 Loving, gentle and cold,  
 Timid as well as bold—but—  
 Young as well as old.

## Casts

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### Seen Years

**COLORS:** Orange and Lemon

**MOTTO** We're it?

**!YELL!** (Do as you are commanded)

David Anderson—President Senior Class (4)

Degree—O. K.

Hay Makers Course

Rockford College Prom. (2) (3) (4) Red Cross Corps (1)  
Business Manager Philo Orchestra (3) Boiler Club.

“Believe me, I can launch the love talk.”

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Seniors are we with ideas new—

Each one must know we are workers true.

Never in study hours found shirking,

In every class we're always working.

Oh! We're the ones that write large the name—

Rockford High School on the scroll of fame.

L. M. '12.

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Oh Muse of Poetry! What crimes are committed in thy fair name!!



### *To the Seniors*

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Here's to a bunch that can't be beat  
In all this beautiful city,  
That everyone can't belong to it  
Is a most lamentable pity

For four long years we've stiven our best,  
To acquire an education  
The only time we had a rest  
Was Lincoln's Birthday vacation. (?)

As Freshmen in time  
To Juniors must grow,  
So we can't be Seniors forever,  
I therefore propose  
Ere life here we close,  
That we drink just now altogether  
A brimming toast to R. H. S.  
May it be remembered forever!

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### *A Sorrowful Tale*

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There was an Auditorium  
With floor too thin by far,  
When students tried to study,  
Their peace the noise would mar

From lower regions came the sound  
Of all the girlies playing,  
The Seniors heard what e'er they did  
And just what they were saying.

Oh, for a gym that's noiseless  
The Seniors wise did sigh,  
So they took up a collection,  
A silencer to buy

But when they finished this  
And laid ten dollars by!  
The gym girls used the money,  
Some Indian clubs to buy!



**YELL:**

Shave, shave, only once in a while,  
To grow long whiskers is all the style.

Chief Hair-on-the-Face—Charles Alford.

Captain Bristles—Charles Elliott.

The Bush Rangers—Smith and Houghtaling.

Other Whiskerites—Harry McClafferty, Walter Aten, Adelbert Landry

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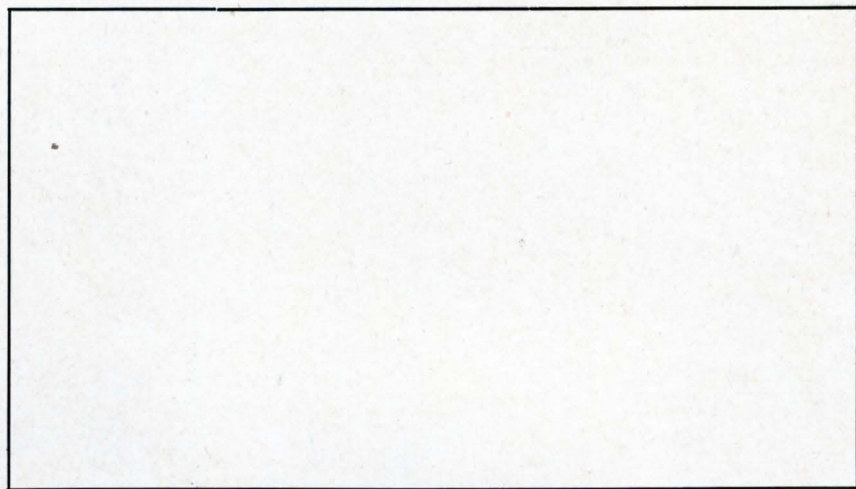
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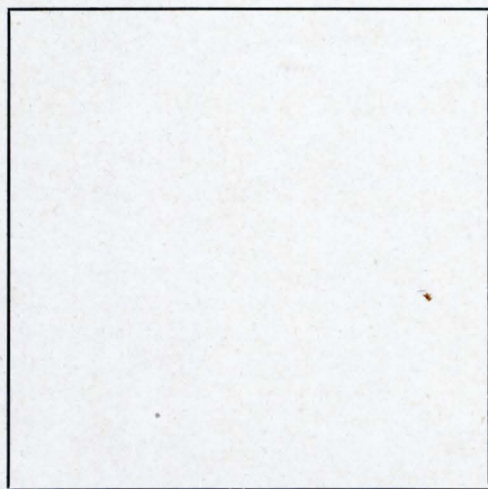
The Fair Coed .....	Mildred Johnson
Every Woman .....	Kenneth Kooling
The Gamblers .....	Don Garrett, Chuck Brown
The Pink Lady .....	Helen Lamont
The Quaker Girl .....	Loretta Gartland
The College Widow .....	Helen Chapman
Under Southern Skies .....	Charles Alford
Mlle. Innocence .....	Betty Kimball
Babes in Toyland .....	Minerva Lander, Roy Carter
The Man of the Hour .....	F Johnson
The Royal Chef .....	Miss Smith
The Country Boy .....	Earl Johns
Goddess of Liberty .....	Miss Eddy
If I Were King .....	Irene Bartlett
The First Lady in the Land .....	Miss Morse
The Land of Nod .....	John Skinner
The Heartbreakers .....	Ray Grantz, Emory Hall
The Slim Princess .....	Muriel Barker
The Little Minister .....	Mr Little
Excuse Me .....	Ray Carlson
The Spring Maid .....	M. Barber

## *Hazing Views*

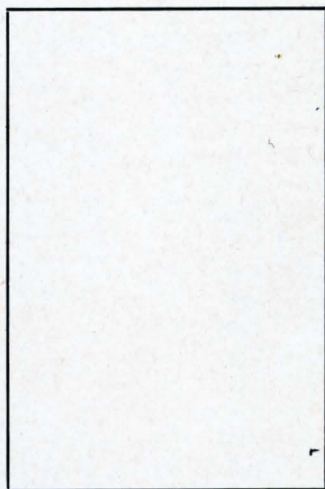
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*Freshmen Running Gauntlet*



*Necktie Rush*



*Painting of Freshmen*

## Classes

### FRESHMEN

**T**HE Freshman class is composed of the youngest and smallest pupils in the school. They are called fresh-men, although most of them are boys and girls because they haven't been with the faculty



long enough to acquire that stately and dignified personality so essential in upper classmen. These husky youths are a constant trial to the faculty for they insist in tormenting the poor down-trodden Sophomores.

Sophomores—Censored.

### JUNIORS

This tribe is the same as the Sophomores, only they are different. Their ambition is to be like the Seniors whom they think are the acme of perfection. If they attend to business and imitate the illustrious class of 1912 they will, in another year, be almost worthy of the name of Seniors.

**“Don't grunt, do your stunt”**

# Orpheum

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THREE SHOWS DAILY

WEEK OF JUNE 3rd, 1912

Vaudeville's Greatest Singing Duo in the Heartrending song hit  
"BEAUTIFUL DOLL"

Sung in their own quiet way

**MLLE. ROSS AND MONSIEUR MESSNER**

Those nifty entertainers in the famous presentation of the  
sensational melodrama—

"MARRIAGE LICENSES AT \$1.00 ARE \$.02 TOO HIGH!  
THAT'S WHY WE NEVER INVESTED."

**MLLE BARTLETTE AND MONSIEUR KING**

Dainty Dancer and Singer Presents new Song entitled—  
POPULARITY IS BLISS UNTIL THE GIRLS GET JEALOUS

**SUSINA EVANS**

Monologue Artist "With Himself" entitled—  
"SLANDER IS A VULGAR TRAIT, THAT'S WHY I NEVER  
INDULGE."

**HERR L. L. LITTLE**

Next week we shall present many new features.

**MLLE. KIMBALL**

who appeared here last season in "LONESOME LIZZIE,"

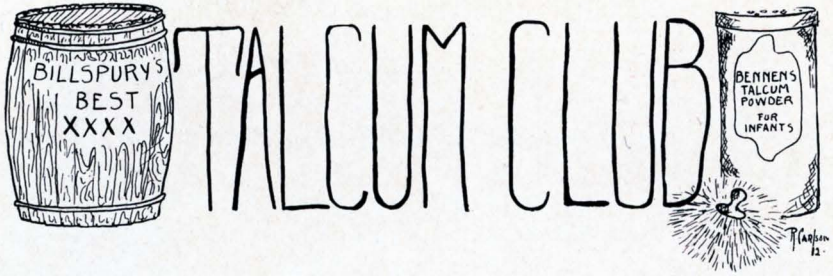
Will Star in

"POPULAR POLL."

## *The Philo-Matheans*

**A**N assemblage of funny things—who congregate every Tuesday night in the lower realms of eats and call themselves “lovers of learning”—is all that represents the literary ability of the boys of R. H. S. These learned knights of debate and drama are carefully chaperoned by that dignified instructor, Mr Mauller. At their meetings they discuss only the most intellectual subjects. No philosophy is too profound, no political question too complicated for these energetic youths to solve. They talk as fluently of the girls who attend the “gym” dances as they do on the logical arrangement of a speech. Wonderful as this society is, it has several drawbacks. Its dramatics are never given in public, its quartet never sings in assembly, and its debating team debates with members of its own society. This lack of publicity which is given to their accomplishments may be due to the fact that they are a very modest crowd of boys. But a debating society should at least be able to entertain their illiterate fellow students who hardly know whether a Philomathean is a wild animal or a new kind of “grub” which is being dished out at the lunch room.





**T**HE most democratic and least exclusive society in the high school.

### MEMBERSHIP

Any girl with a piece of chamois.

### MOTTO:

“Keep watch lest thy nose shineth.”

### SONG

“Just a little bit of chamois.”

Exalted High Chancellor—Olgamargirine De Vries.

Lord High Powder Slinger—Edna S. Mouse.

### AGENTS (International)

Pink Helen Dodo Chapman

Flesh-colored Ruthe Suzanne Kyege

White Marie Trixie Key Hoe

Tan Lora Hard Head

Shaving Soap (by request) Merrie N Barber

Mennen's Agents are found in the Freshman Catalogue.

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**Special Titles Conferred as Follows:—**

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Cassie Chadwick

Gaby Delys

Jan Worm Would

Fran Sis Karlson

**Directors of the Article and Eyebrow Department**

Celia Boiling Ton

Lillian Russell

**Toast:**

Here's to the girl that ain't,  
 (The girl that doesn't paint.)

**Rules**

If you'd all like some nice complexions  
 Kindly follow these directions  
 When you go to bed at night  
 Daub your face with powder white,  
 And at morn when you arise,  
 Lightly pencil both your eyes,  
 Then upon your powdered cheeks  
 Put some dainty pink-red streaks,  
 Take a peep at the mirror cool,  
 And take your books and go to school.

## *Music*

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THE musical talent of R-A-Chess is at present of very high (?) rank. The Girls' Glee Club enjoys the distinction of being one of the largest feminine choruses in the school. At a recent assembly these fair sirens rendered a little lullaby which lulled to sleep all the unfortunate brethren and cistern who sat near the front of the room. These dreaming proteges of Mr Briggs were rudely awakened however by the volumes of applause which came from the rear of the room. This noise probably originated with the Freshmen who had either failed to hear the singing or were too young to appreciate good music. We also have a warbling Prima Donna in our midst, who delights in singing love songs and laughing at the curiosities in the south-west corner of the Auditorium. Then there is the Philo (ah, that classic mess!) who also boast four famous vocalists. The sweet refrain of their voices has been heard even unto the most remote corners of the lunch room. Sundquist, their leading soloist, is a shark at Irish Melodies, while David Caruso Anderson, another native of the Emerald Isle, performs wonderful feats with his melodious bass voice. The other two members who attempt to drown out the roars of the above mentioned are Jules Bellasco Houghtaling and Wm. Bispham Mandeville. The orchestra, which accompanies these accomplished songsters, consists of "Ossy" Wetherell and "Swede" Condon—mandolinist. This completes the ensemble which may be heard Tuesday evening in either the lower lunch room or in the front seats of a moving picture parlor

P S.—The musicians are all talented but the 2:25 bell is the sweetest music ever heard in the R. H. S.

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### IN MUSIC

Staccato—detached, disconnected .....	Allan Parker
Allegro—quick, lively .....	C. Caeleen
Larghetto—Somewhat broad and slow .....	Dub Landry
Andante—walking Moderately quiet .....	C. Lander
Pesante—Heavy, emphatic .....	R. Carlson
Grave—serious, very slow .....	F Nelson
Anima—soul expression .....	Mary Rogers
Grazrozo—graceful .....	Elsie Stocking
Dolce—sweet with expression .....	Lindblade Twins
Marcia—marchlike .....	Bertha Langwill

## The Owl

ONE of the most interesting specimens of our zoological department is the Owl. It is the official paper of our beloved Alma Mater (we are not acquainted with Alma, but she seems to be a very nice, lively girl) The Owl represents the abstract quality of wisdom and it truly represents the wisdom of the average student (for it has full possession of its faculties at night only) No one, however, can dispute the fact that the Owl is the best monthly paper published in our High School, or that Stanley Johnson isn't the best editor the Owl has had this year Every "Who! Who!" who handed in his name and fifty cents, subscribed for the Owl and incidentally joined the Booster Club. Although the High School muses went on a strike and the wits of the institution stopped joking, the energetic editors cut humorous sayings out of cheap magazines, jammed words together and called the result poetry. Sometimes they were even forced to insert one of Ray Carlson's cartoons in that part of the paper which is reserved for jokes and other curiosities. We, the Seniors, in order to uphold the literary prestige of our class, sincerely hope that the class of 1913 will edit a worse Owl than we did.

R. R. '12.

I. B. Not, the Editor



Welcome  
Xmas  
Presents  
for  
the  
"Owl"



**T**HE Athletic season started this year with a bright outlook for our opponents. The coaches filled their newspaper articles with warmed atmosphere and seemed so confident that our boys would win the championship that some weak-minded inmates of our institution became deluded by the impression that we had a winning football team. Alas! How our hopes were shattered. At the finish of the first game our captain sent back his famous message, "We have met the enemy and we are theirs." The reason for this defeat is attributed to the inability of our boys to make as many points as did the victors of that memorable game.

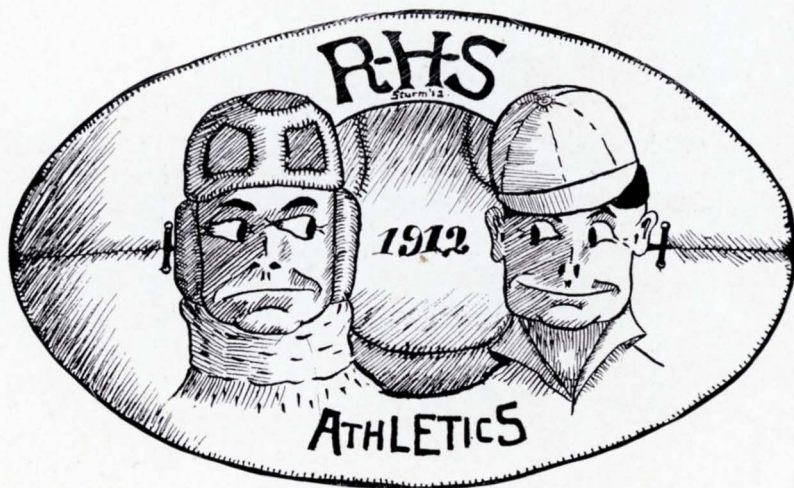
In basketball, our rooters so intimidated the officials by their awful yells and threats that we won every game played on our home floor. In none of the games which we witnessed, did the visiting teams have anything on the red and black. In fact, our boys had very little on themselves.

Our track team, however, is a wonder. There is this trouble though. The distance men are not fast enough and the weight men are not strong enough. However, be that as it may, if the other teams fail to make as many points as we do, we'll surely win the next track meet.

R. R. '12.

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Take a street car to Armory Hall,  
To see our fine team play basketball  
With honor, and fame and sweaters to show,  
They'll have victory where ever they go.



*Athletic Events*

Event	Won By
Standing broad grin .....	Ray Carlson
Hot air shoot .....	Patrick
Nine o'clock dash .....	Ruth Weingartner
Twelve (12) block walk .....	C. P. Briggs
Hop, skip and jump .....	Marion Barber
Six foot sprint(er) .....	Elmo
Archery .....	There are several winners
Flunking .....	Most Everyone
	H. W '12



## *I Wonder Why—*

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The track candidates avoid the stairs.  
 Mr Brightup does not look as lonesome as he did last semester  
 Our new football captain doesn't bow  
 The Philomatheans bought such cute pins.  
 Fay Lewis awarded that prize.  
 "Deac" Wolcott doesn't graduate from Room 10.  
 C. Sandehn thinks he is a Senior.  
 The Annual Censor is building a new house among the orange  
 blossoms in Alabama?

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## *Smiles*

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It's best to keep a smilin',  
 For a smile's a kind o' net  
 That catches by beguillin'  
 Jest the things it wants to get.  
 So keep your smile a spreadin',  
 Crack a jolly joke or two  
 And you'll find that things come headin'  
 Straight for smilin' folks like you.

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## *News (and Olds)*

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Success .....	Philomathean Literary Society
Outing .....	Physics class during sound experiments
Review of Reviews .....	Six Weeks Finals
Popular .....	R. Grantz
Women's World .....	K. Cooling, C. King (continued indefinitely)
Physical Culture .....	G. I. Hill
Country Life .....	Fred Davis, P Conklin
The Youth's Companion .....	An Armful of Books
The World Today .....	I. Brown
The Horseless Age .....	"Hungry" Inds

## *An Italian Idea*

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My son, he air a smart young keet,  
 He be grate man some day  
 He go to high school on two feet,  
 An' learn to swair and play  
 They learn him some penology  
 I ask 'im wat dat are.  
 He says, to learn a hen to lay,  
 An' wat I ask 'im for  
 He learn som Anglaise, but by gar,  
 He can talk dat all right!  
 An' when I ask, he say, har, har,  
 Not by a blame long sight!  
 Some manual zoology,  
 Dey make craizy tings,  
 An' physical drawotony,  
 Is whar he comes and sings.  
 My son ess smart, he got good mark,  
 De highest one der ess,  
 De best he got, is two, tree D'ss  
 An' all de rest ess C'ss.

F 'R. '14.

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## *My Daily Program*

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First I say "Good Morning," with a cheerful smile,  
 Then I saunter through the halls alone, and single file  
 Next I search for admits to the number ten and three,  
 Or report to some kind teacher that I've lost my locker key

At twelve I take my luncheon with a spoon and knife and fork.  
 While my fellow class-mate estimates the density of cork.  
 And if Misfortune meets me, as is the general rule,  
 I hear what's ancient history    Remain seventh hour at school.

E. H. '12

## The Midget Club

### Officers

President—Charles Ind                      Vice-President—Elmo Sundquist  
 Secretary and Treasur—Adelbert Landry

### Charter Members

Warren Aldrich                      Maynard Lundgren  
 Jessie Martin                      Robert Gibson

### Anti-Club Poem

How we avoid those little midgets.  
 All of them give us the fidgets.  
 Gee, I'm glad I'm big and tall  
 Like a Baby Hippo's doll.                      J R. C. '12.

## Song Hits (Slams)

"I'm Awfully Strong for You" .....	A. C. N.—The South
"That Violin Rag" .....	Sadie McLaren
"All Alone" .....	L. Knight
"Under the Petzel Bough" .....	H. McClafferty
"Blushing Moon" .....	Olive Safford
"Kidding" .....	Miss Hunter
"Beautiful Lady" .....	Miss Foster
"My Hero" .....	"Guess"
"The Dancing Doll" .....	Ragnhilda Sandstedt
"Polly of the Circus" .....	Hazel Kendrick
"The Midnight Sons" .....	Laf-a-Lot Club
"The Prince of Tonight" .....	Howard Fitch
"Show Girl" .....	Hazel Lindstrom
"Nobody Loves a Fat Man" .....	Lundgren
"Honey Man" .....	Julia Sweet
"Oh! You Beautiful Doll" .....	Janet Wormwood
"I'd Love to Live in Loveland with a Girl Like You,"	Cecelia Killean
"I'm Glad I'm a Boy" .....	Bill Reckhow
"Naughty Eyes" .....	Norma Brown
"Sweet Sixteen" .....	Caroline Broom
"Curly Head" .....	Joel Seedoff
"Smile and Be Happy" .....	Miss Sinderson
"They Always Follow Me" .....	W Pratt
"Poor John" .....	John Lewis
"That Hypnotizing Man" .....	Carl Johnson
"Maybe You're not the Only One that Loves me,"	Huldah Johnson
"Billy" .....	Ethel Stockburger
"Next to your Mother, Who do you Love" .....	Chas. Belshaw
"On Mobile Bay" .....	C. C. Gordon

## *Tomorrow's Lessons*

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When I'm all alone in the evening,  
And the midnight hour has struck,  
When I rub my aching forehead,  
And think of tomorrow's luck,  
How often I have wondered,  
What will the Morrow bring?  
Will I flunk in every study,  
Or know most everything?  
Will I remember the meanings  
Of the words in Cicero?  
Can I remember the order  
Of the wars of Scipio?  
Do I know the pronunciation  
Of those oratorical words?  
After all the hours I've studied  
And labored—Ah! Dear me!  
When I go to class tomorrow  
Will I get an A or D?

M. L. K. '13.

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## *Sponger's Club*

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**R**EQUIREMENTS for admittance

Superior knowledge in that day's lesson, willingness to divide knowledge, must not be original, but accept others ideas and adopt them as one's own, must read your neighbor's Owl and Annual, must attend all meetings called to order in the Auditorium at 8:30 a. m. on Thursday, Wednesday, Monday, Friday, and Tuesday

Adjournments—8:56 a. m. on same days.

Motto:—"Do others, they will never have the chance to do you."

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Some people talk in their sleep, others sleep in their talk.



### *Where Some Seniors Get Their Information*

The gingham dog and the calico cat  
Solemnly, side by side in the school-yard sat.  
They'd waited and waited since break of day  
For the camera man to pass that way  
(Now I wasn't there, but I briefly state  
That they hoped their picture he'd surely take.)

The etherial tread and the winning smile,  
Were heard and seen in a very short while.  
The gingham dog looked up and went "bow-wow"  
The calico cat said sweetly, "mee-ow"  
Then they both sat as still as still could be,  
While each slowly counted up, "one, two, three."  
But alas they were both in sore distress,  
And what was the matter no one could guess.  
Herein lies the secret. (The dog said so,  
And that was however I came to know.)  
The chemical man, though strong as an ox,  
No cam'ra had, but a plain lunch box.

E. H. '12.

## *Books (Late and Otherwise)*

"The Children's Hour" .....	Freshman Assembly
"The Man of the Hour" .....	(See Plays and Players)
"The Lamplighter" .....	Corbett Mackey
"The Masquerader" .....	"Stan" Keck
"The Mystery" .....	C. A. Mauller
"Freckles" .....	Roy Ross
("A Six Cylinder Courtship" .....	I Brown, J V H., etc)
"Fortune Hunter" .....	A. Freeman
"Girl in Waiting" .....	Irene Burr
"The Iron Woman" .....	Mrs. Stevens
"Lady of the Motor" .....	G. Goddard
"Cupid's Understudy" .....	L. Kern
"A Country Doctor" .....	W Mandeville
"Vanity Fair" .....	Bernice Weldon
"Hosier Schoolmaster" .....	C. Maxwell
"Happiness" .....	Mabel Douglas
"The Big Brother" .....	N Reck
"Heavenly Twins" .....	Stanley and Herbert

## *Short Poems*

Little has a bag and his books are in it.  
 He opens the bag and they're out in a minute.  
 He spreads them out on his nice little table,  
 And says, "Now recite as well as you're able."

## *Bulletin Board*

WHY THE IRISH PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE HOME  
 RULE is a lecture given by Gunhild Hallquist this evening\* at  
 7:30 p. m.

## *Annual*

Always remind us.  
 Never grows stale,  
 New material each page.  
 Universally accepted.  
 All the family like it.  
 Long may it succeed.



## *Ten Merry Maidens*

Ten merry maidens sitting in a line.  
 Kenneth Cooling winked at one—  
 Then there were nine.

Nine daring damsels wishing for a date.  
 Ray Billet saw them there—  
 Then there were eight.

Eight giggling girls—one's eyes as blue as heaven.  
 Bud Burr looke into them—  
 Then there were seven.

Seven cute Co-eds always up to tricks.  
 Emory Hall happened by—  
 Then there were six.

Six fond, watching maidens, longing for a drive.  
 Carrol King came tooting up—  
 Then there were five.

Five little lassies, thinking life a bore.  
 Chuck Brown sauntered up—  
 Then there were four

Four downcast damsels, tired of being free.  
Mr Hull captured on—  
Then there were three.

Three dainty darlings who liked to bill and coo.  
Roy Grantz glanced that way—  
Then there were two.

Two saucy school-mates, thinking life no fun.  
Ecky J beckoned "her"—  
Then there was one.

One lonesome lassie, ready now to run.  
Warren went in hot pursuit—  
Then there was none.

M. B. '12.

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### *Tis Sad to Relate That:*

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Sundquist hasn't stopped growing,  
Mr. Norris knows how to write admits.  
Mrs. Thomas voted twice for Bryan.  
Bob Smith plays tennis.  
All Herings are not kept in the ocean  
Dinnie Doyle is not a Swede.  
Minnie Lewis is so small and graceful.  
Walt Sturm doesn't use face powder  
Earl Johns insists on getting A's.  
Vera Hollenbeck believes in getting fat.  
Ruth Weingartner doesn't dye her hair  
Bob Gibson was raised on Mellen's Food.  
Cliff Hance can't hide his grin.  
The finest class in high school leaves in June.  
That this stuff was printed.

## The Trials of a Lover

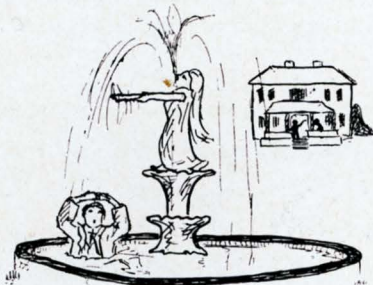


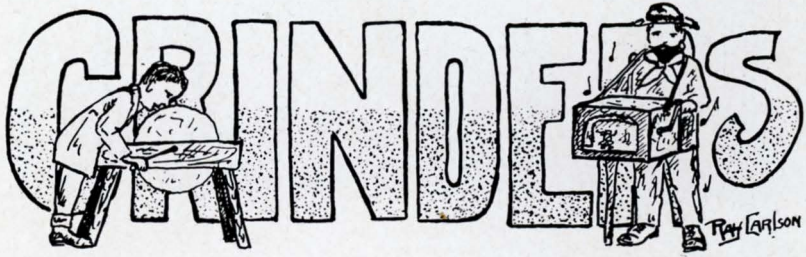
**B**URR-SON Clarence sat late one evening in the parlor with Susy, the saucy soubrette, holding her **Palm** and uttering **Sweet** words wondering how soon he could **Lander**. He was thinking what **Bliss** it would be if she would **Grant** his wish and consent to preside over his **Coffey**. Little did he **Reck** of the grief to come, for, at that moment, the heavy tread of **Sampson** in his **Stocking** feet coming through the **Hall** from above was followed by a **Pearson** voice calling

“Sussy, komm **Schnell!** **Chase** that fellow from the house or I’ll send the **Kerr** after him.”

As Clarence **Marks** the time and hears that voice, his **Hare** begins to rise and he decides to waste not a **Whitmore** time before he starts on a swift **Wing** for the **North**. But he stopped a moment to thank the fair maiden for the nice lunch he had **Eaton** when a low growl made him take to his heels. With the dog in hot pursuit, he started across the **Dewey** lawn toward the **Forest**. But in his haste he forgot the **Fish** pond which the **French Gardner** had just installed with the water from the **Marsh** nearby. When, splash, he **Fell** over the edge and joined the **Hering** in the bottom. When he finally began to **Wade** toward shore, he hadn’t a **Wray** of hope that he would reach **Landry**.

When he finally emerged, he felt that he could appreciate the feeling of an ice cream **Cone** and I would **Haight** to tell you his thoughts as he climbed the **Hill**. The next day, he had to visit the **Clothier** to purchase a new suit. Those who have been thinking of **Cutting** him out may laugh, but don’t **Ahlgren**. It wouldn’t be **Wright**.  
M. B. '12.





I ran to the library with others you see,  
 I studied, they studied, we studied, all three,  
 Through reams of paper, our pens they flew  
 And book after book we crammed through and through.  
 Cramming, still cramming when the sun sank to rest,  
 Yes, cramming, still cramming, to compete with the best.  
 Not a word to each other, we kept up the pace,  
 Page after page, book upon book, never losing our place.  
 Hour after hour we crammed in the night,  
 To do it was awful, it sure was a fright.  
 But, Oh! On the morrow, when called to recite,  
 To show off our knowledge it gives us delight.

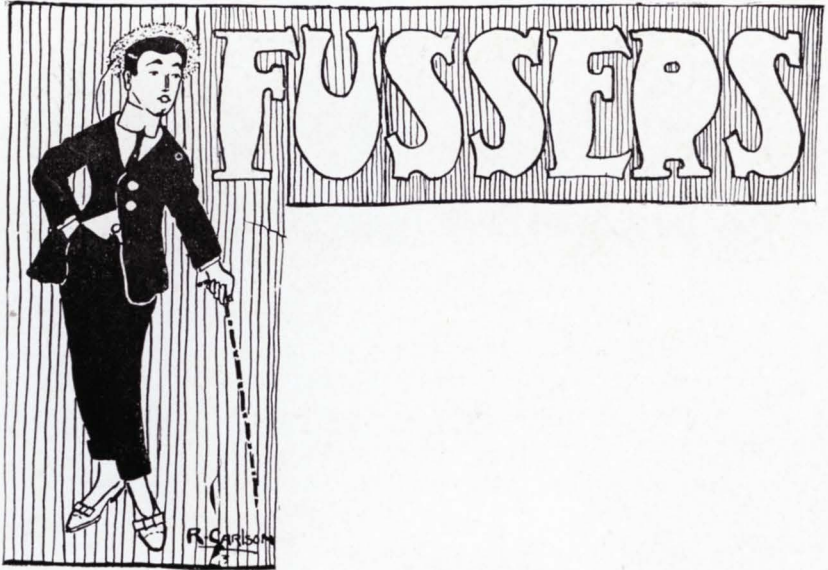
### THE GRINDERS

Elwood Aldrich  
 Ed North  
 Loretta Blake  
 Marie Coffey  
 Helen Eaton  
 Herbert Gardner  
 Paul Kerr  
 Amy Lindblade

Carl Paulson  
 Leroy Redin  
 Roy Sandberg  
 M. Shanhouse  
 W Sheldon  
 Hazel Whitmore  
 Esther Seleen  
 Beatrice Sim

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A feeling that all persons detest  
 Although 'tis by everyone felt.  
 By two letters is fully expressed,  
 By twice two invariably spelt.  
 Answer:—Envy (N-V)



MOTTO:—Clothes Make the Man

### YELL

Fussers, Fussers, all are we!  
 Fussers, Fussers, chi-he-he-he—  
 Nice high collars we admire,  
 To be Beau Brummel we aspire.

President—Raymond Hayer

Chief Fusser—Charles DeLany

### ROSTER

Arthur Weidman  
 Emory Hall  
 Story  
 Chuck Brown  
 John Condon

Ray Hayer  
 W Lindsay  
 Landry  
 "Peg" Burr

—You know the rest.

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Is there Assembly today?  
 No, of course not!  
 We had one last week.  
 Had you forgot?

## *Those Seventh Hour Bells*

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(With apologies to Thomas Moore)

Those seventh hour bells! Those seventh hour bells!  
 How many a tale their music tells.  
 Then lessons are o'er and it is sublime,  
 When at last we hear their soothing chimes.

Those tedious hours have passed away,  
 And all our hearts again are gay,  
 The thought of study in the tomb dwells,  
 And we think no more of those seventh hour bells.

And so 'twill be when we Seniors are gone.  
 Those seventh hour bells will still ding-dong,  
 Each verdant class, which in these halls dwells,  
 Will stop! Look! and Listen! for those seventh hour bells.

J L. M. '12.

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## *Why Helen Blushes*

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A girl with the prettiest red  
 In her cheeks was asked, "What are you fed?"  
 That the blushes should go  
 In that sweet ebb and flow?  
 "I just think something loving," she said.

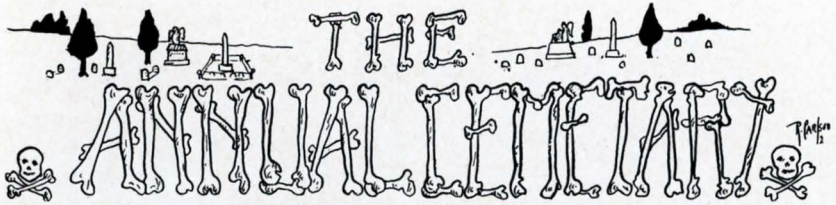
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## *Suffragettes*

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Woman's suffrage is a coming thing  
 So everyone be ready  
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Below Marie Fish rests in peace,  
She ate some biscuits without yeast.

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Here Mildred Peterson rests her head,  
She cracked her cranium on a sled.

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Poor Bessie Blair, her end was rash,  
Alas she choked on a hair in the hash.

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Below here, Emory Hall, 'tis said,  
He rests from a swelling of his head.

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This berth was made for a cat named Astor  
But into the hole jumped Irma Haffner

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Under this stone is a lonely case,  
And inside of it is Henry Chase.

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A baseball player made a "biff,"  
And into this hole knocked Robert Smith.

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Caesar said, "I came, I saw, I conquered."

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## DRINK ECHO COFFEE

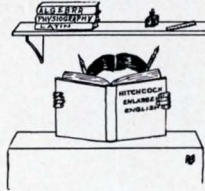
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Below lies Chellis Clothier—maker of clothes.  
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Under this sod rests Theodore Schrom.  
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Buried under this mud is the Johnson clan.  
There's Carl and Frank, and also Stan.

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Who died while splitting a banana in two.

Below is Anderson. His name is Dave.  
Was cut to death while trying to shave.

Under this plot lies Olga De Vries.  
She keeled over from eating Brickstein cheese.

Below our Censor doth lie.  
Who looked a tiger in the eye. (The tiger won.)

Here lies what's left in this earthly strife,  
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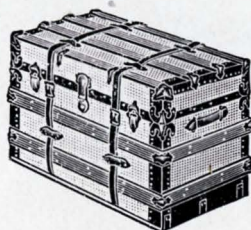
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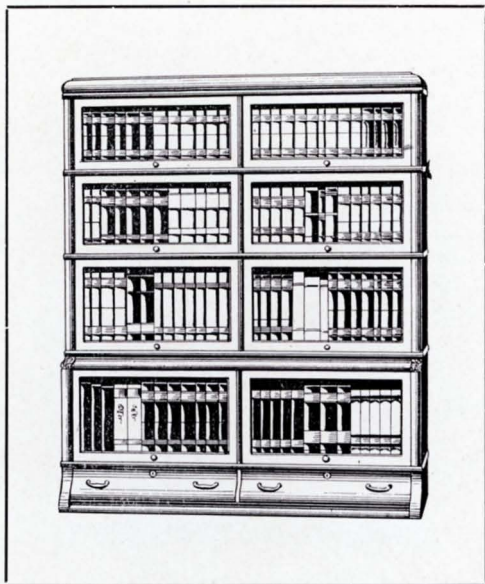
Mince meat may come and mince meat may go,  
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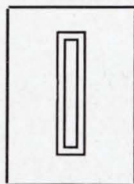
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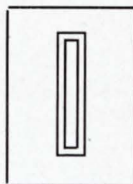
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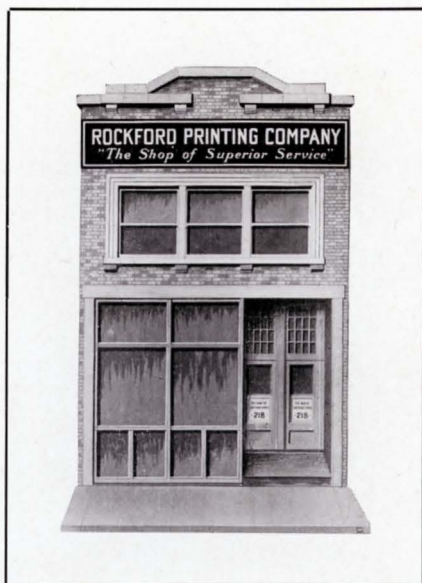
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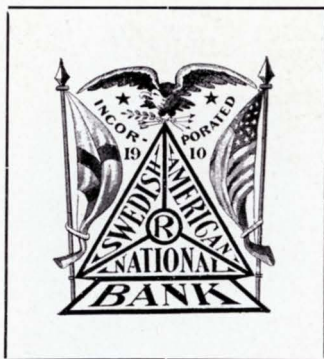
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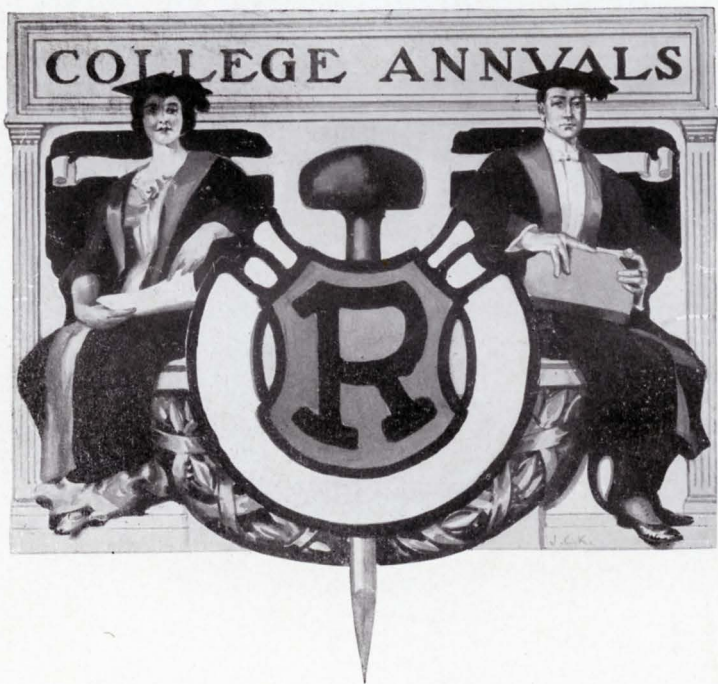
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304 West State

## *Lament of An Alumni*

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The lawyer mused one afternoon,  
 As he hummed in court an old school tune.  
 Recalling his days in Rockford High,  
 And memories that with them lie,  
 He thought of the Freshman days he'd spent,  
 Of the work and joy they brought as they went,  
 How when his Sophomore year came round,  
 The depths of knowledge he thought he'd found,  
 What joy he felt when he at last  
 Into the ranks of Juniors past.  
 Recalling the work of his Senior year,  
 Sighing, he said, "What tests, O dear!"  
 He thought of the sleepless nights he'd spent,  
 Over the lessons that came and went.  
 He smiled as he thought of the fun he'd had,  
 All in those youthful days so glad.  
 Then the lawyer sighed and said,  
 "Oh! that my youth might be stayed,  
 Oh! that I were as young again  
 As when I hummed this old school strain,  
 On the day I left that school so dear,  
 And after was counted a stranger there."

L. M. '12

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### SLANG

"Gee whiz! Gosh darn! Zip boom bang!"  
 "Oh!" said the Freshman, "You use slang!"  
 "No," said the Senior, as he hung his head.  
 I'm using just the English Creed, you big bone head."

E. H. '12.

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Ich weiss nicht wass soll es bedenten,  
 That I dread the German exam.  
 Ein Märchen aus alten zeiten.  
 Tells me I surely must cram.

# Rockford Morning Milk

May 18, 1912

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Rockford wins both debates!  
Elgin protests decision!!  
Houghtaling faints,  
He was not in training!!!

Last evening Rockford broke all former records and set a new precedence for future generations. Rockford defeated Elgin at the high school Auditorium, and LaGrange at Chicago. There were many unfortunate features of the Rockford-

Elgin Debate. Anderson, the first Rockford speaker, fell off the stage while arguing the merits of the introduction. Houghtaling fainted during his main speech, owing to lack of training. There was a little noise heard on the stage between these two, but as yet we have been unable to find out who he was. On these grounds (coffee grounds) Elgin protests the decision.

The particulars of the Rockford-LaGrange mess will be printed in a later edition.

R. J. S. '12.

## The Evening Noise

Price: We give them to you to take them away  
This paper ain't got no date

### ROCKFORD DEFEATS LA GRANGE

Score: 5 to 3.

LaGrange, Ill.,—An awful mess was indulged in this village last night. It was terrible. When the first speaker of the negative started, many people were seen to leave, because of the awful draft created by him opening his mouth. It also frightened many children who thought it was a moving picture of the entrance to the Mammoth Cave. The officials refused to let Mr. Smith give his rebuttal for fear that the building would be blown up. The second speaker, Mr. Conklin, thought he was home, and stretched

out on the floor for the night, but Mr. Shanhouse, the third speaker, threw a pail of Ice Water over said Mr. Conklin, and the "Draft," Mr. Smith, mopped up the water. Mr. Conklin's act is said to have been caused by "lack of training," as he has eaten nothing but corn beef, cabbage, potatoes, etc., and has drank nothing but milk. Mr. Smith is said not to have "laid-on-the-job" enough, so when he washed his mouth he couldn't do a thing with it. The debate ended at 10 15 p. m. With the assistance of the multitude Mr. Smith was on the train for home at 10 18 p. m. He was the only one exiled.

J. V. H. '12

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**THE CENTENNIAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION—Department of Non Studious Immigration, 1912**

**THE SILLY SENTIMENTALISTS**

Did you ever know what's happening  
When the room teacher is napping  
And the pupil's in a love-sick frame of mind?  
Well, this love-sick, lovelorn lover  
Looks one way and then the other  
Till his sympathetic lover he does find.  
Then he writes a hundred love notes, sends them all by A. D. T  
And charges us to help them on to their true destiny

Did you ever know the reason,  
Why there's spooning every season  
By the lockers in our large and spacious hall?  
It's because each lovelorn lover  
Is lonesome for the other,  
And our campus simply couldn't hold them all.      RABBIT

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

If the Editors have inserted anything in the foregoing pages for which they should be sorry, they are glad of it, and if anyone's feelings have been hurt, he may appear before the Board and make an apology

## *Our (?) Lunch Room*

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We have the nicest lunchroom,  
 We walk sedately there,  
 We never think of crowding,  
 And pushing is not fair

We all strive to be last in line,  
 It's more polite, you know,  
 Just single-file all down the hall  
 Then in at the door we go.

We never talk out loud at noon,  
 Or even whisper low,  
 We take a plate from out the rack,  
 And primly walk just so.

We get whate'er we want to eat,  
 They have most everything,  
 We never hurry, for the bell  
 Will wait 'till we're through to ring.

And so we never want to go,  
 Down town to get our dinner,  
 And I'm sure you agree with me,  
 Our Lunch-room is a winner

H. W. '12.

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## *Grunters and Their Grunts*

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Jessie Martin—That she should be so tall.

Miss Hill—That her pupils cannot do mental work while taking physical training.

LaRelda Wing—That she should suffer the pangs of rivalry

Walter Aten—That he lives in Cherry Valley

Mildred Grant—That Roland departed in February

Miss Corcoran—That St. Patrick's Day only comes once a year

Ethel Vincent—Never known to grunt unless algebraically

L. Bridgeland—That suffragism does not prevail.

S. Johnson—That "The Owl" contributors are not.

M. A. '12.



# OUR LAST SLAM!

Oh Gee! That was a mighty hard job.  
 But now our scholastic work is done.  
 We have toiled along with patient grind  
 Although at times 'twas glorious fun.  
 Annual Boards of times that are gone  
 Have said their year book was far the best.  
 But betting you di'monds to gumdrops  
 We're sure our Annual beats the rest.  
 We're waiting to hear the kicker's tell  
 About our great 1912 Class Song.  
 But would not it be simply gorgeous,  
 If they'd help to boost the thing along?  
 The Senior pictures are something new,  
 And so is our "Funny mirthful stuff."  
 And we'll bet you they're just as "rippin'"  
 As anything you could dash off.

E. D. '12.

## AN OLD SETTLER







*W. Miller*