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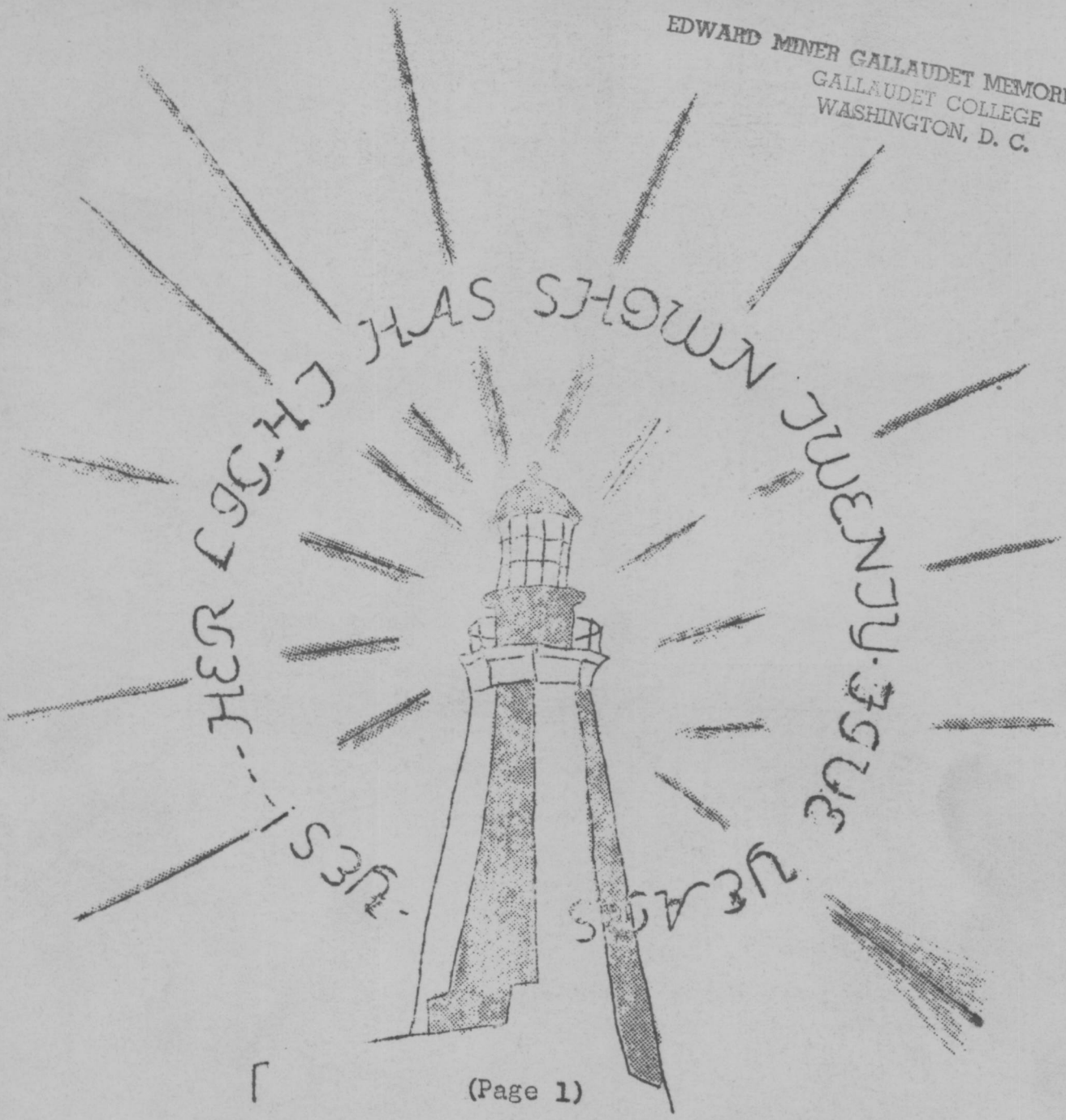

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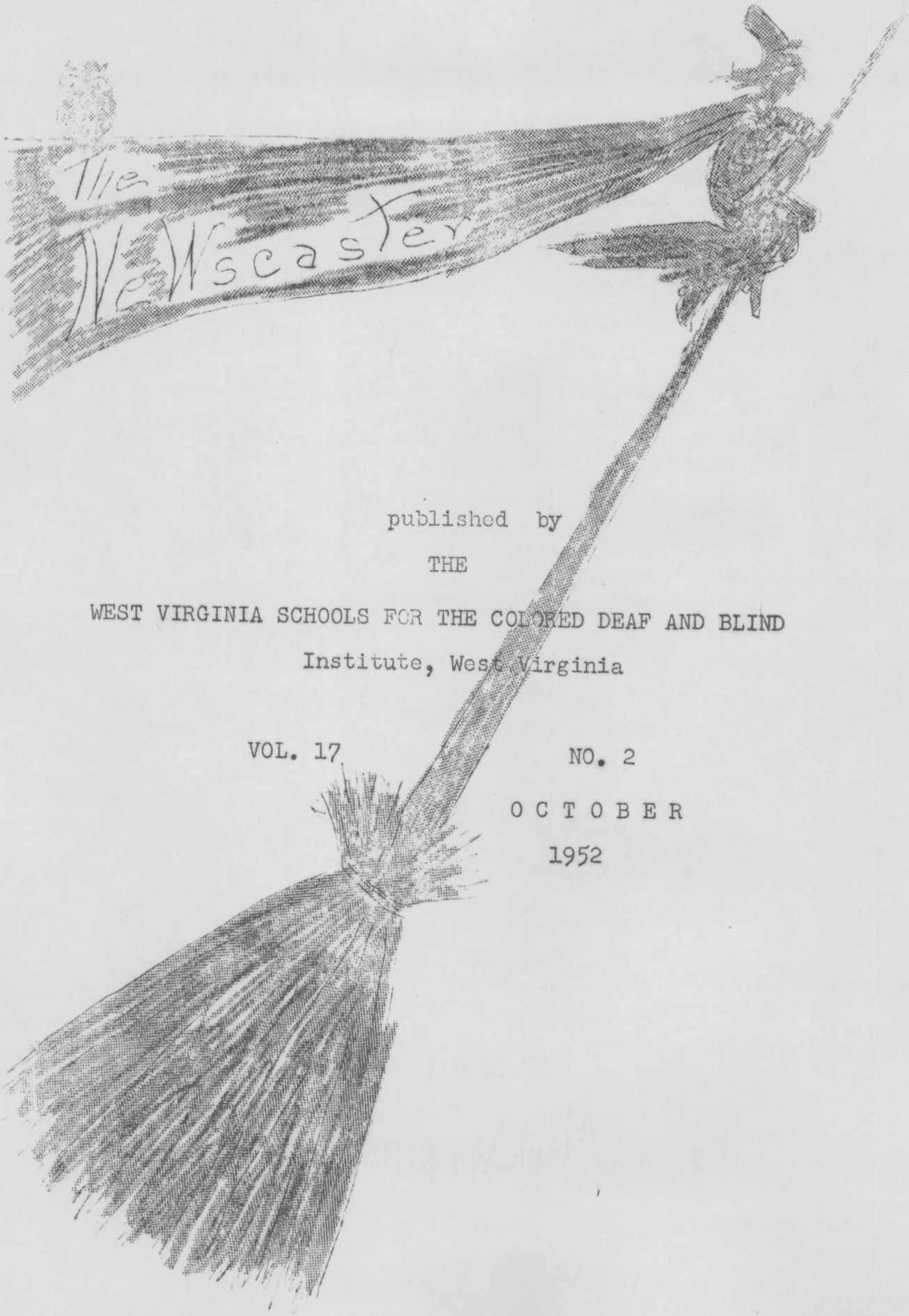

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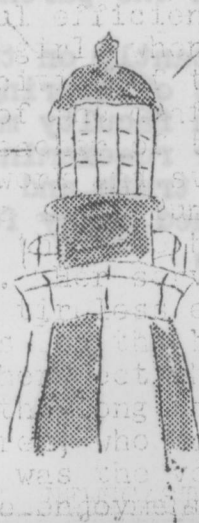
LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE

Recently , a surprise banquet was tendered to Miss Minnie C.Holley by the staff in honor of her birthday and in recognition of her quarter of a century of faithful efficient service at this school. She came here as supervisor of girls when the school was only two years old and has served in the capacities of teacher of the blind, instructor in beauty culture, teacher of the deaf and academic principal. After receiving her appointment as teacher of the deaf she decided to make thorough preparation for this work and studied at the University of Toronto, Upilanti State College and Columbia University where she received the M.A. Degree. Since then she has pursued work at the Uuniversity of Southern California. Her services have been of the highest order and she is noted for her tireless efforts to aid the handicapped in every way. The preparations for the banquet were kept from her, and she was nearly swept from her feet when she entered the beautifully decorated dining room to find the long table filled with guests of both races. Mr. Felix T. Warren, who has been the instructor in barbering more than twenty years, was the very gracious and dignified tost master who helped to add to the enjoyment of the occasion. Tributes to the guest of honor were paid by Mrs. Daisy Lawrence, niece of Juliette Lowe, the founder of Girl Scouting in America, Miss Marion Bixler, of the Girl Scout office, Mi s Elsie Mae Davis, Mrs. Charlotte Lacy, Mrs. Clara Hamilton and Miss Georgiana Harper. Supt. E. A. Bolling, who was confined on account of illness, sent an eloquent tribute which was read by Mrs. Katherine Robinson. Miss Holley received numerous useful and beautiful gifts. The staff presented her with a gold linked bracelet engraved with her name and twenty-five years of service.



ABOUT HEARING AIDS

Nothing is more natural than for parents of a deaf child to cling to the hope that the deafness is temporary and the hearing may be re stored. Many parents cling to this forlorn hope through the years. Consequently, they often become easy prey for charlatans and unscru pulous agents of hearing aids. Over the years we have had to warn such parents to exercise due caution in such situations. A case of a widowed mother is recalled who was urged to buy an expensive hearing aid for her daughter although the daughter had been totally deaf since infancy. She was advised that her child had been examined by an outstanding specialist in Charleston who diagnosed her case as hopeless. In spite of this warning the poor woman succumbed to the wiles of the salesman and purchased the aid at a cost of nearly one hundred and fifty dollars. It is needless to say that the instrument proved worthless so far as ennabling the girl to hear is concerned and it was soon discarded. This is but one case and there have been several othe s. In one instance the parent heeded the earning, carried the child to the same specialist who had examined her upon her entran e in school and learned from him that a hearing aid would be of no service.

The parents of the children who attend this school should understand that within a week after each new pupil enters he is carried to Charleston to some highly reputable specialist for an eye and ear examination is paid by the State Department of Public Assistance. If there be any hope of the r storation of hearing or sight through treatment or ope ation the physician so advises in a written report to the superintendent. The physician's advice is faithfully followed. In e instances glasses or hearing aids may be recommended. Only in cases do we advise the parents that a hearing aid should be seurec. Also in these cases, we have been able to have the instruments purchased through the D. P. A. when the parents are two poor to do so themselves.

Again, our teachers are constantly on the altert to detect any evidence that there is enough sight or hearing left to warrant consideration. Such cases are discussed in faculty meetings and these children are sent back to the specialist for re-examination. These things are related that parents may know the truth and that they may not be persuaded to spend their hard earned money for a hearing aid and meet with almost ce tain disappointment.

E. A. B.

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VISIT BY THE STATE BOARD

On Wednesday afternoon, October 22, two DeSoto suburbans bearing the insignia of West Virginia State College stopped in front of the Main Building and out stepped the members of the State Board of Education on an official visit to our school. Those present for the inspection were President Kelvin Holliday, Mrs. Thelma Loudin, vice president, Messrs. Garland Dunn, Raymond Brewster, Ross H. Tuckwiller, Lawrence R. Lynch, Dr. W. W. Trent and Mr. H. K. Baer, Secretary of the Board. They were greeted by Superintendent Bolling who led them on a tour of inspection. They requested to be taken firs, to the new Auditorium - gymnasium which several of the members had not seen before. They found it beautiful, well-planned structure with a highly polished floor, a spacious stage and immaculete toilets. The group then inspected the kitchen, pantry, dining room, lounges and dormitories and gave unstinted praise to the staff for the cleanliness and good order found everywhere. They were particularly interested in the television room provided for the students on the first floor of the Main Building containing a General Electric T. V. set and new folding chairs and settees to accomodate the watchers.

They went through the two shcool buildings inspecting carefully the library, classrooms and shops. They were impressed with the need for more shop space and have given their approval to the request for an appropriation for a new building which will remedy that condition. It is quite cetain that the Board went away with a most favorable impression of the school and its program and will continue to give their official support to its advancement. We hope the Board will find it possible to make such a visit annually.

A POEM

A soft blue haze hangs over field and town,
And the river sleeps lazily neath the kindly sun,
Through the quiet air floats the milkweeds silky down,
And far over head the crows pass one by one.

The soul becomes quiet in the kindly atmosphere
Where mingly the dreams of summer's bustling hours
Wit the dread of hostile winter ever drawing near,
When we steal away to our lonely ivory towers.

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ON JOBS

Several of our students found gainful employment during the summer vacation and gave very satisfactory service to their employers. Three deaf boys worked at the Minit-Man Auto Wash on Washington Street in Charleston. They were Thompson Washington, Carroll and Warren Kelly They averaged about forty dollars a week. Thomas Philpott is permanently employed at the same place. Emanuel Robinson and Roosevelt McKennon worked as pressers for the Dixie Cleaners. Allen Draper, who received a certificate in barbering last May, has been employed in a shop for white trade in Tazewell, Virginia, and pleasing his customers. Rudolph Valentine, another deaf graduate in barbering, has been working in the same shop for two years. With hardly an exception our students are makinggood on jobs and up-holding the slogan: " Hire the Handicapped. It is good business."

OPEN LETTER

An open letter to the student body and staff was received from our former coach, who is now in Korea, PvT. Percy Mack. There was a paragraph written directly to each student. Mr. Mack received the Newscaster last month and therefore was well - informed about the activities of the school. We hope to hear from him again. Members of the advanced deaf take turns to write to Mr. Mack so that he gets a letter each week from our school.

- Carl Gist
Julius Smith

THIS, THAT and the OTHER

Can one conceive of a citizen entitled to vote who without any cause neglects the discharge of that sacred duty. In the past there have been millions of such miserable Americans. They ought to hang their heads in shame.

God operates through man, and man's business is to be a good conductor of the divine current which we call Life.

- Elbert Hubbard

Children are much neare the inner truth of things than we are, for when their instincts are not perverted by the superfine wisdom of their elders, they give themselves up to a full, vigorous activity. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- Froebel

TRUE

He's true to God who's true to man; wherever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest, neath the all-beholding sun
That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves most base
Whose love of right is for themselves and not for all their race.

- James Russell Lowell.

BOOKS

When I get a little money, I buy books; and if any is left, I buy food and clothes.

- Erasmus

WHO IS EDUCATED?

There are five tests of the evidence of education - Correctness and precision in the use of the mother tongue; refined and gentle manners, the result of fixed habits of thought and action; sound standards of appreciation of beauty and of worth; and a character based on these standards; power and habit of reflection; efficiency or the power to do.

BEAUTY

I pray thee, O God, that I may be beautiful within.

- Socrates

VANITY

The Worldly Hope men set their hearts upon
Turns Ashes - or it prospers; and anon,
Like Snow upon the Desert's dusty Face,
Lighting a little hour or two - is gone.

- Omar Khayyam

Strive to everlook the follies of others as you would forget those in your own life.

Found Wanting

FATHER.- Mr. X is not your teacher this year. What happened? Did they ask for his resignation?

LITTLE SON.- They asked him for his resignation, but he didn't have one, so they fired him.

GOOD ADVICE

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one rascal ~~less~~ in the world.

- Carlyle.

THE BIBLE

Every soldier and sailor of the United States should have a Testament. We plead for a closer wider and deeper study of the Bible, so that our people may be in fact, as well as in theory, "doers of the Word and not hearers only.

- Theodore Roosevelt

Best Friend

In Los Angeles, Mrs. Joyce Brainard won her divorce after testifying that when her husband came home at night he kissed the dog be - he kissed her.

O N E G O O D M A N

I think that to have known one good man - one man, who, through the chances and mischances of a long life has carried his keart in his hand, like a palm-branch, waving all discords into peace-helps ourour faith in God, in our selves, and in each other more than many sermons. -

- G. W. Curtis

INSUTANCE

Cultivate literature and useful knowledge for the purpose of quali-

ilying the rising generation for patrons of good government, virtue and happiness.

- George Washington

ROUGHSHOD

In Chicago, Fred Haverkate charged George Widdes with assault with a deadly weapon. One pair of brogan shoes, size twelve, attached to the defendant's feet.

CONSERVATION

A conservative is a man who is too cowardly to fight and too fat to run.

- E. Hubbard

DOUBT

Doubt is the vestibule which all must pass before they can enter the temple of wisdom.

- Colton

RISKY BUSINESS

It's a risk to have a husband
A risk to have a son;
A risk to pour your confidences out to anyone;
A risk to pick a daisy,
For there's sure to be a cop;
A risk to go on living
But a grearer risk to stop.

- Ruth Mason Rice

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GARNET FOOTBALL GAME

Mr. Sawyer took Carroll Kelly, E Emanuel Robinson, Fred Jones and me to to Charleston to see the game last Friday night. We saw Garnet play D Douglass High School of Huntington. The kick-off was at 8:00. Garnet ma made two touchdowns in the first half half. The acore was 32- 6 in favor of Garnet. We enjoyed watching the game.

-Thompson Washington

A BIRTHDAY CAKE

Irene Hart had a birth ay Saturday. She is eight yrats old. She was very thrilled when the students and staff menbers sang "Happy Birthday" to her aw she entered the dinning room. Her mother sent her a pink and white birthday cake. She shared the cake with her class mates.

- Dorothy Rush

SCIENCE NEWS

The tenth grade constructed a science bulletin board this month. There were pictures of a grasshopper, aground beetle, a spotted salamander, a spider and a wood turtle.in

- Emanuel Robinson

VISITORS THIS MONTH

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and four sisters andonnebrother came to visit Butch from Weirton, W. Va. Carl Gist's sister came with them to see Carl. All the visitors attended Sunday School. They heard Butch sing a solo.

Irene Hart was visited by her Mother on her birthday.

- Nancy Robinson

MY BOX

I was very happy to receive a box from my mother. She sent me my heavy coat, some candy, some cookies, peanuts and cheese crackes. I gave some to my girl friends.

- Della L. Clark

BEAUTY CULTURE

I am learning how to give a good shampoo, press and curls. Many girls from the college come to our shop to get their hair dressed. I wi I will finish this year and work in a shop out in the world.

- Deboran Shelton

ASSEMBLY

Miss Raspberry was in charge of the assembly. She gave us some interesting material concerning National Bible week. The program was two fold. The second part dealt with health. First aid demonstrations were given by Nettie Turner, David Wooley, Earl Jackson, Cora Roberts, Betty Janes Frye and Walter Parker.

6 - Carroll Kelly

Movies of the Month

and

SEMESTER

I'd Climb the Highest Mountain

I Can Get It for You Wholesale

Christmas in Connecticut

Operation Pacific

Kentucky

Two Flags West

You're in the Navy Now

South of St. Louis

Call Me Mister

Princess O'Rourke

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INTERMEDIATE NEWS

Lydia Bailey

I went to see the movie "Lydia Bailey" at the college Saturday with Mrs. Hamilton and the Girls.

- Ann McCollum

I went to see "I'd Climb the Higest Mountain". It was very interesting. It was the story of a minister and his wife.

- Margaret Martin

The Smoke

The smoke is everywhere. It is coming from the forest fires. I hope the fires will soon be out.

- Paul Adams

Some of my friends went to see Holliday on Ice. I did not go, but they told me it was worth seeing. - Fred Jones

We have two plants growing in our classroom and a carrot basket. We are studying them in our Science class.

- Alpheus Hill

OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween party was held in the new gym on Friday night. There costumes of all discriptions, Indians, Japanese, Band Major, and others. We played Poison Ball, apple biting, placing the donkey's t il. We danced a number of folk dances. We had puzzle pumpkin. There were prizes for all the activities. Refreshments were served and we went happily to bed.

- Nancy Robinson

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Primary Department News

Birthday

My birthday was October 18. Mother sent me a cake. I gave my class mates and my teacher some of the cake. Miss Holley took a picture of all of us blowing out the candles.

- Irene Hart

New Clothes

Mother sent me a box with new choes, socks, and a dress. I was happy.

- Carolyn Davis

A Box

Mother sent me a box with some cookies, candy, and books in it. I likes my box very much.

- Horace Dickson

A Surprise

Margaret Norwood's mother sent her a box with many new pretty things in it.

- Jeanette Smith

The Ice Show

I went to see the ice show in Charleston. It was very pretty. I told my classmates about the show. I like to skate but not on ice.

- Ella Robinson

A Long Time

Jo Ann Love has been out of school a long time. Please hurry back, we miss you.

- James Cheese

Bedroom Sliopers

Mother sent me a pair of bedroom slippers. They are tan and brown. I like them very much.

- Livingston Heard.

My Pet

I went home to see my pet. He was playing and car hit him. I cried when my grandmother buried him.

- Carolyn Pickens

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PRIMARY NEWS CONTINUED

A Halloween Costume

I was surprised to get a box with new shoes, and a pretty new Halloween costume. I like them very much. I had a good time at the

- Andra Allen

Weekly Assembly

I played the part of Goldilocks in the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. I also was Gretel in Hansel and Gretel. I was the leader for the opening exercise.

- Sylvia Davis

I am very proud of myself. I held the flag and led the Student body in the Pledge to the Flag. I played the part of the the baby bear in the Three Bears. I was the story teller for Hansel and Gretel. I was the Thumb in the Choral reading of The Team.

John Robert Jackson
"Butch)

I recited a poem alone and also took the part of Little Man in the Team.

- James Martin

The Father Bear and Tall Man in the Team were played b me. I recited a poem for Halloween.

- Julius Smith

I told the story of Goldilocks as my classmates dramatized it. I was Ring man in the Team and stage manager for both plays.

- Carl Gist

I had two parts in Hansel and Gretel. I was the wicked step-mother and the witch. I enjoyed that part best of all. I was the Mother bear in Goldilocks and The Three Bears. I was the narrator in The Team. My sister and I sang a duet in the opening exercise.

- Sheloa Davis

Hansel was played b me. I was Pointer in The Team. I enjoyed getting ready for our assembly. Everyone said our program was good.

- Daniel Brooks

GILR SCOUT ROUND-UP

October 26 - November 1

Girls of troop 29 and 56 entertained the spirit of Juliette Low with a special dramatization based on the Seven Service days of Girl Girl Scout week. Activitiy for the various days involved many interest and hobbies; such as a Scouts' Own for Sunday, Homemaking on Monday, Citizenship on Tuesday, Health and Safety on Wednesday, International Friendship on Thursday, Arts and Crafts on Friday, and Out-of-Doors day on Saturday.

After the pageant, all the guest joined the two troops in recreational activities of folk-singing and games, and square dances. In compliance with the Governor's re quest, not to build fires out of doors, the weiner roasting eas held in the home economics department. The visitors concluded their day b seeing an exhibit of gifts, collections, hobbies and crafts of troops 29 and 56.

It was fun to celevrate Girl Scout week with other sister scouts and leaders. The spirit of sisterhood reigned supreme at this Pageant. We enjoyed preparing for our guest.

A VISIT

I had a very pleasant surprise Sunday morning. My grandfather, brother and cousin came to see me. They brought me some cookies, candy and clothes. I was happy to see them.

- Beverly Clark

I received a letter from my mother and sister who love in Ohio. They said they would be here Christmas.

- Beatrice Bolling

We had fun at the Girl scout round-up. We enjoyed having the visitors. We really ad a nice outing.

- Annie Woods

We will have chapel program next Friday, November 7. I am in two plays. I am Jack Horner in one of them. -

Lymus Revels

OUR PETS

We have a salamander in our classroom. His name is Wobble legs. We had a turtle. His name was Porkey. Porky died. We are keeping Porkey's shell. We are going to stuff it.

- Ernest Hairston

PARENTS OF DEAF CHILDREN

Will be able to find the names, addresses, and church affiliations of 250 ministers and priests for the deaf in the United States and Canada in the January issue of the

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