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Girls' Basketball Record Outstanding

Perhaps it's a little out of the ordinary for sports to break into this page which is normally devoted to other items, but whenever the interest and accomplishments are present, we do not hesitate to editorialize on any subject, whatever it might be. This month it's the girls' basketball team representing our companies. Elsewhere in The Echo you'll find a complete summary of the brilliant season and a spread of pictures devoted to the team. The success of this squad is definitely a credit to our companies. Please note that the members of the team are all employees here—it's not a team "hired in", so to speak, as many teams are. Truly, it's our team—and we're proud of it. Best of luck in the fast Four-States Tournament in Asheville, March 10. We'll be rooting for you to bring home a good share of those glittering awards and trophies!

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Well-Informed

Wherever people gather, whether at church, around a dinner table, or just for a friendly visit, it is not difficult to spot quickly the individual who is well-informed. Most of us marvel at this person's store of information and his familiarity with current events, but at the same time, we fail to get the spark of inspiration that would make us resolve to increase our knowledge of happenings, both at home and abroad.

In this month's Echo is the first of a series of two or three articles on our library. We invite you to read these articles and particularly to those of you who are strangers to our library, we trust these articles will arouse your interest and curiosity to the extent that you will pay the library a visit soon. Not only will the information you acquire prove useful, but the relaxation and quiet surroundings will help you immeasurably.

Application Made For Baseball Movie

Just about the time the warm spring weather brings baseball to the No. 1 spot on Ecusta's athletic hit parade, the Athletic Department hopes to have a movie of the 1946 world's series to focus additional emphasis on the national pastime. Application has been made with the major league bureau that distributes the official film and an answer is expected soon as to the definite date that we will be able to get the movie.

Baseball fans will remember the 1946 series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Boston Red Sox as an exciting one, extending to the seven games limit. Memorable plays like the moment's hesitation which Johnny Pesky of the Red Sox took on a throw in the last game—a mistake which enabled Enos Slaughter of the Cards to score the winning run—will be especially interesting to Ecusta baseball fans.

Employees Enroll For Business Course

Fourteen employees have enrolled for shorthand and typing courses at Brevard college. The classes began with the spring quarter, February 13.

The following have enrolled: Mildred Carpenter, Gertrude Morrison, Thelma Alexander, Lita Stepe, Pat Hodson and Margaret Collier of the Main Office; Marie Nelson and Ethel Gray from Champagne; Lucille Heffner, Sylvene Gailey and Catherine West from the Recreation Department; and Marie Eggert, Mary O. Armfield and Charlie Russell from the Personnel Department.

This group will devote four hours weekly on Monday and Thursday nights toward the completion of the courses, for which they will receive college credits.

If you are standing upright, don't worry if your shadow is crooked.—Chinese proverb.

The Poet's Corner Beneath The Pisgah

"A poem should not mean,
but be."

—MacLeish

February Dream

Last night I dreamed
I walked beneath the frozen
earth,
Amid the roots of sleeping
Flowers and trees,
And felt these
Ice-bound prisoners stir,
Breaking the silences of their
dark tomb
With faint, sweet murmurings
of birth.
Within the soil's deep womb,
I heard them sigh,
Like children on the verge of
waking.
Each was intent upon the task
of breaking
The shell that bound it to the
clay.
Each root, each seed, each bulb
Awaited, restlessly,
The faint, sure call of Nature
That would set them free.
And this I learned,
In earth's dark tunnelway:
Though singing streams are
stilled
And hills are cloaked in white,
There soon will be an end
To winter's long, cold night . . .
Spring is not very far away!
—Myrtle Vorst Sheppard

Snowfall On The Farm

All day grey clouds proclaimed
snow in the air
At last, with twilight here, the
daylight done,
And stillness on the land, it has
begun—
A blinding cascade falling ev-
erywhere.
The long pump handle lifts a
ghostly arm,
And near the old barn gate a
lone oak stands
To catch this crystal beauty with
bare hands,
As white enchantment falls up-
on the farm.
The long wistaria forms a froz-
en stair
Across the porch up to the roof,
and now
Besides the walk the age-old
cedars bow
Along the ground like kneeling
nuns in prayer.
As silver branches bend, then
finally yield,
The night grows whiter than a
cotton field.
—William Arnette Wofford

True Love

Two loves there were in my young
life:
One laughed and chattered all
day long;
When evening shadows fell, still
gay,
He sang a lilting song.
The other was a quiet lad
Who sang no song and spoke
word.
Attuned to long, dark silences,
My soul found his and heard.
The gay love stole my heart away.
(I had it back by break of day.)
The silent one against my will,
Plucked out my heart and has
it still.
—Annie Laurie Von Tungeln
Arrogance is like a kingdom
without a crown.



Our Book Corner

Something is learned every
time a book is opened—Chinese
Proverb.

Rating close to the top on popular "Best Sellers" list is John P. Marquand's newest novel, *B. F.'s Daughter*. Polly Fulton had everything! She was beautiful, brainy and wealthy. Her father, Burton Fulton, was a self-made industrialist who could easily provide all of life's luxuries for his daughter—and he did—Park avenue apartment, exclusive schools and frequent trips abroad. In addition, Polly was loved. B. F., without realizing it, always dominated his daughter until she was grown; she, in turn, tried to rule those around her.

The strength that Polly inherited from her father—the strength of his wealth, his freedom from convention and the strength of his determination—all of this was in conflict with her inheritance—the inheritance of her times. World War II was at hand and Polly, as was the rest of the world, was filled with indecision and uncertainty. For its reality, character and deep rooted convictions *B. F.'s Daughter*, without a doubt, will remain a best seller for months to come.

Billed as "A novel of two men whose destinies were shaped by the ambitions and passions of three women," *The Walls of Jericho*, by Paul I. Wellman, is the victim of a raid by Ecusta readers. Jericho is a typical western village in the days when hearty Americans wanted to build a new country and prosper with it. In short, it is a struggle for power by the town's two leading citizens and the women who fired the feud: Algeria, self-satisfied social elect; lovely Belle, who was ruled by a crafty mother; high-spirited Julia who paid a price for the love she wanted. Magnetic in its story, color and character, with suspense and sheer pleasure you'll absorb every phrase of *The Walls of Jericho*.

One of your favorite mystery writers has another case—this time it's *The Case Of The Borrowed Brunette*, by Erle Stanley Gardner. Mathematically Eva was the perfect size—that is perfect for attracting dead bodies! She also attracts you to a most sure-fire entertaining mystery. It keeps Perry Mason and Stella sizzling around for clues in the weirdest places. It's a keep-you-up-late novel with an ending you'll never suspect. Try it! You'll like it.

Portraying Abraham Lincoln as a man, a character, a person and an individual is the giant task well done by Editor Paul M. Angle in *The Lincoln Reader*. It is a collection of notable writings about
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