

## BOOKS

The first written works were pictures drawn on stones. These were first made by the Egyptians. Later the kings of Egypt and Babylonia were very careful to have records of their great works made. Prayer and hymnbooks were written by the priests. Later people began to write poems, proverbs, histories, cook books, and fairy stories. There were also stories about the bravery of their heroes. Those were carved in clay and allowed to dry. Kings preserved great libraries of these books.

The Greeks wrote beautiful poems and prose. When the Romans captured Greece they read much of the literature. As time passed the Romans wrote their own works, which are still appreciated today.

During the Middle Ages these books were preserved in monasteries where the monks patiently copied the books by hand. Slowly these old books were forgotten and neglected. Then Petrarch, a great Italian poet, hunted out the books and had them printed. All of Europe read them. As the printing press had been invented by Gutenberg, more people could read these books. People learned how to read and write. This was called the "Revival of Learning."

To-day our country has many public libraries from which people can get books. They can be bought at a very low price also. Our school books are loaned to us. To-day practically every one can get books to study and to read. The world of today has advanced from a few clay books to many paper books.

-Nancy Potts

## THE AGES OF TIME

Four different ages in which our ancestors lived were:

The first age was called the Old Stone Age. This was because the men used stones which they found for their tools.

The second age was the New Stone Age, when people learned to pound and grind off the rocks to make their tools.

Copper was the first metal used but it was too soft. By mixing copper with tin it became durable enough to make tools. This was called bronze. The third age, then, was the Bronze Age.

The Middle Ages - the next to come - saw the beginning of serfs. This was also the time when the King had everything as he wished. The Middle Ages lasted for one thousand years.

To-day we are living in a period called The Period of Modern History. Our standard of living is much higher than it was in the earlier ages.

-Maxie Wright

## THE SEVENTH GRADE

The Seventh Grade took the State tests under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Brown on March 25. Mrs. Brown has been grading them but has not recorded our grades yet. There were twenty-five from Highlands and two from Clear Creek, making a total of twenty-seven to take the tests.

On Monday after Easter we went on an Easter egg hunt. After finding the eggs we had a picnic. When we came back to the school building, Mrs. Brown gave a prize to Marie Houston and Lewis Talley for finding the most eggs.

We are giving our commencement program Friday morning on the last day of school. It will be in place of the regular Chapel program, and will be as follows:

1. Devotion and Prayer.
2. A Play, "Little Georgie's I. Q."
3. The Seventh Grade's Appeal for Peace.
4. Spiritsof Harmony.
5. Song, Lighting the Way.
6. Presentation of Certificates.