



A YOUNG WOMAN

This young woman of which I telle Every girl and boy in scole knwes welle. End of her smyling she is so simple and coy; To mete with her is quite a grette joy. Hir lokkes are lyk they wer leyd in presse; Soothly she hath a permanent, I guesse. For al the many books in blak or reed She finds for ech of hem a proper beed. She is not lowe; neither is she talle, But is well knownen and lovyed by alle. In his place she hath newe telephium; She holdes long speeches with gymnasium. She gladly gives helpe and eek will teche, For she is kynde and so ful of speeche. This year she hath a good helpmate; Now she doth not need to work so late.

—VETRA BESHEARS

Teacher: "When was Rome built?"
 Boy: "At night."
 Teacher: "Who told you that?"
 Boy: "You did. You said 'Rome wasn't built in a day.'"

We hear that Mr. Hale's orchestra has "sax" appeal.

Margaret York, ever on the search for news for THE POINTER, wants to know if Dr. Chase is a recent graduate of H. P. H. S.

Fred George Barbee is desirous of knowing who will bring the straws for the straw election.

A certain Freshman has been inquiring as to who "Gym" is?

Jim McLeod: Dot Rankin is a "hot" dancer, isn't she?

Woodrow Brooks: Yeah, Saint Vitus.

Miss Singer: Where is Greater Greece?

Gilbert Clinard: In the lard bucket, I suppose.

STRAW ELECTIONS

I hadn't intended getting mixed up in this political campaign at all; because as I have averred often before I am conscientiously opposed, from heredity and from choice, to any form of sport—which naturally includes politics. I have followed the trend of my inquisitive nature, and have delved into the history and psychology of this subject, and I am more convinced than ever that as a game it just isn't played by people of my rank.

In the first place, politics is simply not clean. Anybody who reads in the newspapers about the candidates, from sheriff to president, slinging mud at each other would need no further proof of this. Besides, the additional expense in the laundry bill as a result increases the strength of my opposition. Being two-thirds Scotch, I like to see things done well for as little as possible. Robert Quillen, the only man in a one-man town, says that the adjective in "dirty politics" is just plain superfluous, and I guess he knows what's he's talking about.

This year, particularly, the campaign hasn't been above board. I'm just naturally skeptical of anything that's being whispered about. It isn't polite in the first place; and in the second, it smacks of scandal. Of course this so called "whispering campaign" must apply to the newspapers altogether; because what's been broadcast over the radio certainly has all the volume necessary. That may be due to the scientific fact generally taught by Miss Tucker that air purifies; so by the time Al's or

SHO KAY



I'm no prophet, but if Al or Herb don't mind, these votes the H. P. H. S. students cast this week might be the straws to break either the elephant's or the donkey's back.

Herb's speech reaches us folks down South, it's perfectly proper for it to be spoken aloud. Maybe, though, if some of the "whispers" staid in, so many folks wouldn't turn the dials to other stations as soon as they learn that "politics" is on the air.

My intentions in the beginning were to tell how I happened to get mixed up in this election. Just the other day I had a letter from Will Rogers saying that he'd got wind of some sort of botanical election the High Point students were planning to pull off some time around November 1, and he wanted me to gather up all the dope I could about it to send him. (I think Will is running short of jokes to tell those folks up on Broadway.) I'll admit I was ignorant of what he was talking about; however, knowing that Mr. Sloan is well versed in all sorts of plant lore, I asked him what it was all about. He was awful nice about telling me he didn't know, but it seems that was left out of his course of study this year.

Just by accident I discovered that what Will had in mind was a "straw election." Imagine my dismay, too, when I found out that this innocent sounding affair concerned politics, for I had hoped to keep these youthful minds "unspotted from the world" as long as possible.

Why this sort of election should be termed "straw" would be a hard nut for Cal to crack. Maybe it's these votes that Al or Herb'll cling to like the drowning man in the fable clung to the straw. It'll make right interesting reading material for one of them's grand



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children, any how. Or maybe, as Sho Kay says this week, "These are the straws that'll break either the elephant's or the donkey's back."

I was a little taken aback to find out that there are so few folks here in high school with that old '76 spirit that helped to crack the Liberty Bell. Only about 50 registered independent! I haven't heard who the independent candidate is. Maybe this party is keeping him under cover until after November 6.

I was more than pleased to meet the political issues Friday morning. So many different opinions had been expressed about them, that I couldn't figure out how any of them really looked. It was a treat to see them face to face. I was surprised to find John Barleycorn so much the worse for wear. Some how I'd thought his business more prosperous than that. Immigration looked harmless enough. It seems that both Al and Herb would be glad to let the bars down for her. As for Farm Relief—whoever gets to live at the White House has got to give the farmers implements large enough to work with. I wanted to buy that farmer a new rake right then and there.

If you're looking to me for advice as to how to cast your "straw," you've got me all wrong. Neither Al nor Herb is my weakness now. But you've got to vote one way or the other, so I can let Will know.

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