

**Bits of Science**

A tornado that swept Elgin, Ill. last year neatly took off one side of a house, removing the back of the cupboard without disturbing the dishes.

The "Palace of the Soviets" in Moscow is 1,300 feet. It is taller than the Empire State building in New York.

Navajo Indians in one part of Arizona are blaming a new air route for weather troubles; they say the airplanes scare off the rain bird.

A sheep grower gets less than four dollars for enough wool to make a suit, when wool sells at 30 cents a pound.

A "glass train" exhibited in London has two passenger coaches with walls, ceilings, floors, and fittings made of glass. It also has 100,000 tiny mirrors covering the exterior.  
—David Bouldin.

**SUPERLATIVES IN 205**

(Mary Jo Wilson)

As part of our home room program Friday, Room 205 elected superlatives. The result was as follows: Best dressed boy and girl, Ruby Parker and Jimmy Smith; cutest boy and girl, Thomas Henderson and Ruth Culler; best looking boy, Stanton Cecil; most attractive girl, Ruby Parker; best all-around boy and girl, R. G. Kearns and Ruth Culler; most popular boy and girl, Herbert Hodgin and Ruby Parker.

**Who's Who?**

1. The "Farmer Poet?"
2. Who wrote "America the Beautiful" while looking off a mountain?
3. Who chose his character for "Alice in Wonderland" from real life?
4. Who wrote about "twins?"
5. Who has loved animals since a strange happening during his childhood?
6. Who wrote the book which is being put on the screen starring "Shirley Temple" as Rebecca?
7. Who wrote a book "with no women in it" for his son?
8. Who wrote those familiar stories, The Uncle Remus Stories?
9. Who recently visited here to tell about his travels?
10. Who worked in an old factory pasting labels on shoe blacking?  
(Answers found elsewhere)

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**From the Editor**

Dear "Herb,"

Now, Herb, you have eased my curiosity somewhat by your interesting letter a few days ago. Well, it's like this: that very cute little girl you spoke about has not thrown you down for some other fellow. I know! I know because it is my job to get out among the little groups of gossipers and learn all I can about their subject. Yes, I believe I can sympathize with you to a certain degree but I can only sympathize to the extent, that if you aren't going to help yourself no one else will. Please write again.

Here's to wish you to keep a stiff upper lip,  
"Dear Editor."

My Dear Gracie Grin;

I certainly am glad you decided to give the reason for your glum look. I get about quite a lot and I know that your disappointed look shows that you have lost your one and only. Please be congenial and smile, for yourself not mentioning us. Regarding those certain ladies' men in 205, remember that, to tell the truth, "where there's smoke there's fire."

To your pleasant face,  
"Dear Editor."

Dearest Tom;

I think I do recall the instance when the certain gallant in 205 tried to win the certain damsel in 204 by the Miles Standish method and truthfully it didn't work. I am glad you gave me the information on the incident but the real dope is yet to come, and here it is. The certain "gallant" certainly has been given the cold shoulder by the damsel in question. Maybe it's because of a new thrill given her by an entry in 208 or maybe it is the superiority complex he has. I certainly will be observant and keep you supplied with all of the inside information.

Here's to wish him to change his ways,  
"Dear Editor"

Dear "Me,"

Boy, O'boy! is this romance of 204 and 208 getting good. I am afraid you are a little mistaken when you say that they know less of it than anyone because quite a circulation of telephone calls are being held between them and friendly conversations are being held. I am afraid the "little girl" had better get wise to herself and take notice of the boy. I have noticed that many heart beats are quickened by his approach. So "little girl" pay attention and retain his friendship or love, as you might call it, because two are company, three are a crowd, four are too many, and five are not allowed, and he might be stolen from you. I certainly do agree with you when you say that the Junior High knows about it, but, "seeing is believing."

Here's wishing you luck and success in your "conquest of the body."  
"Dear Editor"

**The Big Eye**

(Arranged by Science Class in 207)

What is the big eye? Whose big eye?

The world's largest telescope, which will enable the astronomers to see four times as far as they can now see. They will be able to catch 100,000,000 new universes which no one has ever yet seen.

Wouldn't that give you a grand and glorious feeling?

Then I suppose you can understand the intense excitement of Dr. John A. Anderson and his fellow astronomers up at Mt. Wilson—where the largest telescope, with 100 inch reflector, now stands.

Who is Dr. Anderson?

Anderson says he drove 88,000 miles and has examined every mountain peak in Southern California. Then decided upon Mt. Palomar. It is a huge, humpbacked range; 6,126 ft. high and 80 miles from Mt. Wilson. Why go way out in the wilderness?

There are a number of things to be considered when selecting an important location like this.

1st. An equable climate, free of fog and haze.

2nd. Ample water, good living conditions.

3rd. Remote from city and their lights.

4th. No spot near for the building of a city.

5th. Mt Wilson will average 290 clear nights per year and Mt. Palomar will do better than that.

When did this Eye work or construction first begin?

December 1934.

When will it be completed?

We hope not later than 1939 and the limit 1940.

How much does it cost?

\$8,000,000 the Eye alone.

How big is the reflector?

200 inches.

The Mt. Wilson Eye is only half that size.

Will it be very large? Where will it sit and what on?

Yes, it will be enormous, it will sit on a 900,000 lb. steel frame.

The observer's cage will be the size of a large living room. The tube will be six stories high.

How will you revolve or get your direction focused?

A tiny engine (size of sewing machine) will do this and will use electric power.

How much does the 200 in. reflector weigh?

20 tons. It was so hot, it took a whole year for it to cool, before it could be shipped to California.

California? How did they get it way out there?

A special train was chartered and certain arrangements were made for its shipping, to prevent falls or cracking the block. If the glass had been 1 foot wider, they would have had to clear all trains off the railroad line to get the Big Eye to California.

Why did a second 20 ton glass have to be poured?

In pouring the first, some core in the mold loosened and floated to the surface. It could have been repaired, but it was almost as cheap to pour another. This second one is perfect.

Why do they grind the concave side of the mirror?

That's the trick in catching the light. That's what makes it 640,000 times longer, focusing all light into one spot up in the 60 foot telescope where pictures are made.

Then this "Eye" is 640,000 times more far-sighted than our own eyes?

Yes, in order to appreciate this vision imagine you are standing in New York and looking at a Neon sign across the street and the "Big Eye" you could see the same sign clear across the continent from San Francisco.

I just bet it will catch 100,000,000 miles of new universe which no one has yet ever seen.

This new telescope may change our whole idea of the universe in which we live. It may open the door to new knowledge of the sun, which is, directly or indirectly, the source of all life and energy on our earth. Countless other universes in all stages of creation and disintegration will be brought within man's scope. New gases, metals, atomic sources of energy, light in the making, and

**RESULTS OF SPELLING TRY-OUTS**

We were amazed to find that even our best spellers missed so many words on the spelling try-out test that was taken Tuesday, April 5. Some of the queerest spelled words found on different papers were:

Kumnoo—kimono; tommyhawk—tomahawk; sovereign—souvenir; liquorify—liquefy; chorium—quorum; batoline—battalion; hereatery—hereditary; shefer—chauffeur; phosphigh—phosphorous; chandselier—chancellor.

**A Scary Moment for Me**

One night, after I had gone to bed and was asleep, I awoke to hear the door of my room opening. I listened more carefully, only to be assured that someone was in my room. By this time I was so scared that I was scarcely breathing. I heard this thing walk to the wall socket and switch on the light which was dim because of the lamp shade. When I opened one eye I could see nothing, but as I heard something touch the foot of my bed, my eye closed faster than it had opened.

Then it stepped over and switched out the light, and left the room.

The next morning, I found nothing missing, but as proof an open door stood where the closed and locked one was the night before.

—J. D. Holland.

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**A NEW MEMBER OF 204**

Room two hundred and four is proud to announce they have a new fair brown-skinned girl. She has a pair of very dim eyes. Her first name is Sweet. Can your guess her last? Well, anyhow, she has new long pretty hair. Her home is a new bowl. Her real name is Miss Potato.

**Applied Information in the Raw**

Where? In the general reading class.

What? Discussion of the word, scrutiny, which means watchfulness.

Miss Connell: "You may use scrutiny, the synonym of which is watchfulness, in a sentence, P. L."

P. L. Lawson: "Miss Moore is very scrutiny in her math. classes."

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