

# High School Dept.

Devoted to the interests of the local High School

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## Does It Pay to Go to School?

We mean from a monetary standpoint. Most emphatically, it does. If you ever hear of a boy or girl who wants to quit school, when it is unnecessary; if you hear of parents who are thinking of putting their children to work; when it is unnecessary, just bring these figures to their attention:

Every day spent in school pays the child \$9.

Here is the proof, based on the wage scale of 1913.

Uneducated laborers earn on the average of \$500 per year for forty years, a total of \$20,000.

High school graduates earn on the average \$1,000 per year for forty years, a total of \$40,000.

This education required 12 years of school of 180 days each, a total of 2,160 days in the school.

If 2,160 days at school add \$20,000 to the income for life then each day at school adds \$9.25.

The child that stays out of school to earn less than \$9 a day is losing money—not making money.

These figures are based on an investigation made by Dr. A. Gaswell Ellis of the University of Texas, at the request of the U. S. Bureau of Education.

## Youngsters Seek Diversion in Pugilistic Art

A number of the juvenile element commonly known as "Grammar Grade boys" have lately been taken in the custody of the principal, on various charges of "scrapping, etc.". The number of these occurrences has seemingly increased of late which is probably due to the fact that other sports are on the wane, and that boys of their age "must have something for amusement, or bust!"

## "Smiles That Make us Happy"

As you wander to and fro,  
Smile, smile, smile!  
Spread good cheer wh'er you go,  
Smile, smile, smile!  
Keep your heart all free from guile,  
Smile, smile, smile!  
Scatter sunshine all the while,  
Smile, smile, smile!  
Be an oil-cup, not a file,  
Smile, smile, smile!  
—A Freshman.

## Five Reasons for Boosting the Library Fund

1. A large library, made possible by money to be raised by students, will be the result.
2. A good library speaks well for our school.
3. It is of direct and immediate help to every pupil and teacher, of the entire school.
4. The small amount asked of each pupil will never be missed and could not be spent for better purpose.
5. Pupils have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done something to help the school; something that will remain for years to come.

## Theatre Party Postponed

The Freshman-Senior Theatre Party has been postponed again, owing to divers reasons. It will probably come off some time during the next week, if not postponed again.

## EDITORIAL

Concerning personal charms the average high school girl has many doubts; the high school boy has none.

Cupid is a fine fellow, but like Mary's Little Lamb, he doesn't belong at school!

A modern riddle of the Sphinx—the ages of some school teachers. Boy, you ask 'em—we'd rather not!

Pupils, and patrons, are invited to consider the five reasons for contributing to the Library Fund. Of course there be many other reasons for so doing, and we see no reason why the thing should not be put across in grand style by the pupils and also by the patrons, who should, as many do, have a vital interest in anything that tends to promote the betterment of our school in general.

Only three things are necessary to make life happy: the blessing of God, books and a friend.—Socrates.

With the coming of Spring, high schools all over the state are adopting the comprehensive motto: A better school, in A better town, in a cleaner town; and are putting it into effect by organizing Clean-Up Campaigns, Civic Improvement Clubs, etc., in which the pupils, directed under the leadership of the teachers, put the thing over in a thoro and complete way. With as large a school as ours—approximately 400 pupils—we ought to turn the old town bottom up, once we got started. It is hoped and expected that much will be done along this line as soon as real Spring weather shows up. Starting from the combined efforts of the teachers in organizing the movement, and culminating in the executive ability of the pupils, the thing might do wonders in helping to make a better school, in a cleaner town, and in a better town. However, the remaining few weeks of school will show what will be done in regards to this.

## WINTON NEWS

Sorry to say Mrs. Sexton is quite sick at this writing.

Mr. Dickerson, of Norfolk, was in town Monday.

Miss Mary Wood and her mother, Mrs. Dora Wood, are both sick with colds.

Chautauqua, Chautauqua, is all the talk in our town.

Mrs. W. L. Matthews, who has been sick, is improving.

Mr. R. C. Bridger was in the town of Ahoskie Monday night on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Storey are expected to return from their bridal trip on Wednesday and will board with Mrs. Annie Storey, on Main Street.

The Chautauqua, given by local talent, will soon be presented. All get ready to buy tickets. It is given for the benefit of the Betterment Association.

Roads are so bad that the out of town children attending the high school have had to stay in town for the past several weeks.

Miss Deans, Mr. R. C. Bridger's stenographer, spent the week end with her parents in Gatesville.

Rev. and Mrs. Jno. L. Saunders visited friends in Sunbury last week. Mr. Saunders filled his regular appointment at that town.

Several people killed hogs this week.

Another month gone by and Winton is still in darkness.

Miss Swindell is anxious for dry roads. She wants to be up and doing.

Capt. Murphy, of Windsor, was a visitor in town Monday night.

Mrs. Margie Jones visited in the home of Mrs. A. W. Liverman this week.

Hertford County has a licensed auctioneer, Mr. W. W. Myers, of Ahoskie. He pays the tax for such work, so, when in need of services of his kind, you can call on him. It is right that we should.

—advertisement.

## START EGGPLANT IN WARM, SUNNY PLACE

Rich Soil and Good Cultivation Is Necessary.

Occasional Applications of Very Weak Liquid Manure is Beneficial—Little Flea Beetle is Most Troublesome.

Eggplant, so called because the great fruits are about the size and shape of an ostrich egg, is closely related to the tomato and pepper and requires very much the same treatment as do peppers, say garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. The eggplant is very easily injured by cold and the plants must be started indoors throughout the greater part of the country. Start the seed in the house by sowing in a small box filled with good soil. The small plants should



Eggplant is Prolific Yields.

be transplanted to pots or to a shallow box or tray filled with soil and kept in a warm, sunny place until the weather is quite warm. Eggplant requires a rich soil and good cultivation. Occasional applications of very weak liquid manure also benefit the plants greatly.

Eggplant is attacked by several kinds of insects, the most troublesome of these being the little flea beetle which works upon the leaves, filling them full of small round holes. As a remedy, dust the plants thoroughly with air-slaked lime or very fine tobacco dust. By removing the fruits of the eggplant as soon as they attain good size the plants can be kept fruiting until killed by frost. Black beauty and improved large purple are among the leading varieties.

## OX-WARBLE IS COSTLY PEST

Loss Caused by Decrease in Milk Flow, Destruction of Hides and Meat Wastage.

"The little ox-warble means an actual cash loss of \$50,000,000 to the United States each year," stated F. C. Bishop, of Dallas, Tex., in an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at their meeting in Toronto, recently.

"The loss comes," he said, "through a falling off in the milk flow, illness among the cattle, due to irritation and worry, destruction of hides and wastage of meat when the beast finally goes to the block."

"When the grubs reach the back of the animal," said the speaker, "they make their presence apparent by the 'ump or swelling' their body causes. Gradually they make their way out through the back of the animal and drop off, to begin all over again their life history. The only hope of dealing with the pest lies in energetic action by cattle owners in working out and destroying the warbles from the backs of their stock. The herd should be gone over systematically every 30 days, the grubs squeezed out and destroyed. Of course, even then, there is loss because of the holes left in the hide; five punctures of the back or sides by warbles reduce any hide to No. 2 grade."

## CLEANING AND GRADING SEED

No Other Single Farm Operation Which Gives Larger Returns in Producing Crops.

There is no single farm operation so easily and cheaply done, which gives larger returns than the thorough cleaning and grading of all seed sown. Besides cleaning out the weed seeds, the light weight seeds are taken out when the job is properly done, thus preventing the reproduction of the poorer plants. This practice carried on year after year permits the increase of the best and kills out the poorest. Thorough cleaning and grading of all seeds planted is the first step toward a successful crop. There is no time like the present to put the seed in proper shape for planting.

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## VILLAGE IS TORN UP?

Upheaval in English Community Like Comic Opera.

Moth-Eaten Fire Department of Essex, Eng., Rebels at Efforts Made to Modernize It—Firemen Are All Volunteers.

Harlow, Eng.—This little Essex village has been for weeks the scene of a political upheaval sufficiently comic to serve as the plot for a Gilbert and Sullivan opera. The villain is the chairman of the Parish council, who has been investigating the village "fire department" for the purpose of reorganization, and the hero, Sam Deards, octogenarian, captain of the fire brigade.

Until recently the village fire fighting apparatus was scattered around in various parts of the parish, a hose and ladder in one place, another set somewhere else, while each member of the volunteer brigade kept his helmet on his hall hatrack.

This arrangement is being disturbed by the chairman of the council, who is out for the latest thing in municipal administration and wants "centralization." He decided to round up all the apparatus and put it under one roof in the Central Fire station, the dignified name given a small shed.

But Captain Deards very strongly objected. Under the old regime he kept a ladder and length of hose in his back garden, thus insuring his prompt attendance at any fire in his end of the village. The Central Fire station is a good half-mile from his house, and with the burden of eighty years on his shoulders he does not feel like running that distance every time there is an alarm.

Judging from the evidence of Coleman, chairman of the council, Harlow must be an exciting place when there is a fire. Not long ago, he says, there was a fire in the vicarage when "the hose was leaking all over the place and there were serious misgivings as to whether it would not burst." Again, at one storehouse where some of the fire brigade's appliances were kept, the council's investigating committee reported:

"They found the hose out of order and before they could open the door where the apparatus was deposited they had to get a crowbar."

During the investigation it developed that Harlow has no real fire engine.

"But there's a good one at Epping, only six miles away," said a member of the Parish council. "If we want them we just ring them up from the police station. We have good water pressure here, so we seldom need to pump. If we want more pressure we telephone the secretary of the local water company, and he telephones the works and they turn on the pumps."

What happens if the line is busy or the secretary is out golfing the councillor did not say.

The firemen are all volunteers who are paid a small retaining fee, with extra for fires, at so much for the first hour and a trifle less for each subsequent hour.

## LEPERS IN HAWAII DECREASE

Superintendent of Colony Declares Children of Patients Are Free from Disease.

Honolulu, T. H.—The leper settlement on the island of Molokai contains fewer patients than at any time in the last fifty years, according to J. D. McVeigh, superintendent of the colony. The decrease, he said, was due to the treatments with the chaulmoogra oil specific evolved by Dr. A. L. Dean, president of the University of Hawaii.

Practically all of the 485 patients at the colony now are taking the Dean treatment, Mr. McVeigh stated. In commenting upon the popular belief that the children of lepers are afflicted with the disease, Mr. McVeigh said that "both mentally and physically the children of leprosy patients measure up as well, if not better, than those of healthy parents."

Great Killing of Rabbits.  
Monon, Ind.—Ten men from the Knights of Pythias lodge killed 120 rabbits the other night, and then a rabbit banquet was held in the lodge hall. The hunters left here in automobiles and covered the territory adjoining this place in six hours. It was the biggest slaughter of rabbits ever recorded here.

Aged Man Proud Father.  
Mammoth Spring, Ark.—Dr. D. E. Curtis, aged eighty, and whose wife is forty-four years of age, is the father of a twelve-pound baby girl born recently. This is the couple's twelfth child, two of whom are dead.

## Arrowhead Buried in Tree 175 Years

Raymond, Wash.—An arrowhead shot into a huge fir tree near here was recently discovered in a log by a local lumber company. The rings above the arrowhead were counted and they showed 175 years of growth. The arrowhead was of blue flint and well formed. Historians here believe it was made by a member of the Chinook or Chehalis tribes, who occupied this section.

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