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## NEW YEAR GAMES

### School Closes Early.

As a result of the absence of 14 teachers and a great number of pupils the city schools closed at noon on Wednesday, December 20, instead of Friday, December 22. A number of the absences were caused by influenza; however, it was stated that the situation was not one to be considered alarming, but since it was almost impossible to secure teachers it was thought wise to close the schools two days earlier than had at first been planned.

Interesting Christmas programs which were to have been presented Friday had been prepared by the various rooms, but had to be abandoned because of the early beginning of the holidays.

The spirit of giving had been so much stressed and the students were so greatly in favor of it that many of the rooms had planned to send baskets of clothing and food to the needy, but this also was necessarily given up when the announcement was made that school work would continue no longer than Wednesday noon.

### MRS. RANSON LEAVES THE HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. R. E. Ranson, who for the past two years has been head of the history department in the local high school, has been released from the high school faculty to take up her duties as principal of the new second ward school. Miss Lela Baker, formerly of Greensboro, has taken up Mrs. Ranson's work in the local school. However, Mrs. Ranson will return to the high school to coach the play given by the senior class, which will be staged sometime during the next month.

### CLASS OF 1922 HOLDS REUNION

About 40 members of the class of '22 of the high school were present at a very happy reunion at the home of Miss Clara Worth, member of the school faculty.

An air of hearty good will and fellowship marked this reunion. The evening passed all too quickly with dancing and games to entertain. Those who preferred the quieter amusements gathered at a bridge table for a number of interesting rubbers.

The pop-pop of fireworks added a real Christmas touch to the celebration and in lieu of the old wassail bowl of merrie England, the punch bowl occupied a popular place with the class. In fact the evening was so entirely delightful that the president, Walter Crissman, asked that the reunion be made an annual custom, and the "ayes" had it.

### LOCALS LOSE TO JAMESTOWN 2ND TIME

SCORE 27-22

Not satisfied with beating the locals a week ago Jamestown trounced them again Tuesday, December 19, by a score of 27-22. The game was hard fought throughout and was marked by fast passing and shooting of both teams.

Jamestown put up the hardest fight during the first half and piled up 17 points. The locals seemed to have trouble in locating the basket and were held to nine points during this period, while the passing and shooting of Jamestown was exceptionally good.

During the second half the locals changed the tide and everything went for High Point until the last few minutes of play. The local chaps got fight into them after the second half opened and went into the lead, where they stayed until Johnson was taken out with a sprained ankle and three substitutes put in at guard. Jamestown made four field goals in succession and the game ended 27-22 favoring the opposing team.

The feature of the game was the shooting of Sparger and Ingram, while the guarding of Perdue and Johnson is worthy of mention.

The line-up:

Jamestown		High Point
Willard	L. F.	Ingram
Wrenn	R. F.	Ragan
Sparger	C.	C. Fuqua
Hodgin	L. G.	Johnson
Delk	R. G.	Perdue

Summary: Field goals: Willard 2, Wrenn 2, Sparger 7, Delk 1, Ingram 5, C. Fuqua 1, Ragan 1, Perdue 2. Foul goals: Sparger 3, C. Fuqua 3, Ingram 1. Substitutes: White for Johnson, Wright for White; E. Fuqua for Wright, C. Allred for E. Fuqua.

### PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSEMBLY POSTPONED UNTIL JAN. 15.

Due to the bad weather and the small number present at the Parents-Teachers Association Monday night, December 18, it was decided to postpone the meeting until January 15. The matters which were to be discussed at the meeting were of such importance that it was thought advisable to wait until the Christmas rush was over and a greater number was present to have the next assembly of the teachers and parents.

Mr. Johnston suggested that some of the pupils in school be asked to furnish the program at the next meeting.

The lowest number of failures was six per cent and this on history. All the teachers in the different departments are doing their best to make the per cent of failures during the third month a great deal lower than it was the second month. It is thought that they will succeed and it is hoped the report will be much better at the close of the third month.

### SCHOOL GETS NEW DESKS

That pupils in the various rooms will not be required to sit in chairs much longer has been stated by Mr. Johnston. Desks have been ordered for all rooms needing them, and it is thought that they will arrive in the near future.

In order to make the work more interesting and educational to the primary department a number of tables and chairs has been ordered. It is hoped that these also will arrive soon.

### THE NEW YEAR

Now that 1923 has dawned everybody has a chance to turn over a new leaf and to start on a clean, spotless page. The grades which we made before Christmas are now history, and if those were unsatisfactory we still have a clean page to begin on, and atone for the past. There has been a surprisingly large number of failures in the high school during the past three months, and to those who have failed on their work this should be a glad opportunity to do better work. Of course, all of us cannot make the excellent grades which Dame Fortune bestows upon some, but still there is much room for improvement among those who have not been doing their best. In a small high school where the students have had poor opportunities we might expect this situation to arise, but in a high school of our rank it is inexcusable. Therefore, let's everybody make one big New Year resolution, to put forth a greater effort in our school work, so that our report for the next three months will be more creditable.