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## Hi-Ano Council

Due to the lack of complete representation of the classes on the Hi-Ano council, it has been decided that a boy and a girl from each class who belongs to neither organization should be elected by students as non-voting members of the council.

The results of the election were as follows: Senior representatives: Rosemary Roeger and Ralph McColgan.

Junior representatives: Pyretta Waple and Cecil Lutz.

Sophomore representatives: Betty Gaylord and Jack Gray.

Freshmen representatives: Marjorie Markle and Louis Bair.

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## "Oh Boy!"

The men of Sawyerwood are putting on a minstrel show entitled "Oh Boy!" at the Sawyerwood school auditorium Friday December 18th at 8:00 o'clock.

This show is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Sawyerwood and its proceeds are to go towards a community Christmas.

The men of Sawyerwood have some really fine voices and the jokes will roll you into the aisles. They say Red McCabe is a revelation and some of the boys from Springfield will surprise you.

In addition to the minstrel show, there are four very fine acts of vaudeville coming from various sources. The high school orchestra will render several very good selections.

An admission charge of 25¢ will be charged.

## Honor Roll

The following students earned the privilege of being placed on this month's honor roll.

### Seniors

In five subjects: Robert Iden

In four subjects: Dorothy Hoggarth and Helen Smart.

In three subjects: Hazel Bond, Vivian Edgington, Doris Hoggarth, and Lois Young.

### Juniors

In four subjects: Marian Markle, Janet Richards, Rhoda Goff, Olive Heddleston, and Evelyn Tovey.

In three subjects: Eve Blixt, John Brown, Harriet Campbell, Doris Drugh, and Vivian Williams.

### Sophomores

In four subjects: Wilda Shepard, Rita Smith, and Dolores Braucher.

In three subjects: Mary Mortimer, Fax Myers, Jack Taylor, Lucille Brown, Genie Cordiner, Adelburt Hunt.

### Freshmen

In four subjects: Marjorie Markle, Ruth Monroe, Lucille Walker.

In three: Elizabeth Brown, Virginia Douglas, Alta Kurtz, Norma Dirchner, Louise Lilly.

### Eighth Grade

Karl Braucher, Ruth Davisson, Thomas McElwain, Helen Grimley, Margaret Jewell, Mary Francis Myers, Karl Smith, and Norma Jean Shaffer.

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THE  
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## Editorial

With the opening of basketball season, our minds turn to the question of sportsmanship. This year the county is trying a new system whereby the students will also have a part in grading the opponent. In the previous years we have been either at the bottom of the list or near it. After the fine exhibition of good sportsmanship displayed by both players and the spectators last Saturday evening, how can the cup be kept from us? With the fine facilities that we now have, we can make our graciousness more obvious.

The schools are graded on the following points, with ten as a perfect score:

Do school officials comply with both the letter and spirit of the rules governing the sport?

Has the home school provided reasonable comforts for the visiting team and rooters? Or (if scoring for the home team) have the visitors shown appreciation of the comforts provided?

Is the team courteous to the opposing team and rooters.

(Con't in column 2)

## Christmas

It's a kinda cheery season,  
 is it not?  
 The season when all is bright  
 and gay.  
 And all grudges and grumbles  
 forgot.  
 The throng yields to the  
 Christmas away.  
 With the bright candles flick-  
 ering everywhere  
 And peace and plenty surround-  
 ing all.  
 It seems the holy spirit is  
 here and is there,  
 And we yield to its pleading  
 call.

It's the season when brother  
 helps brother  
 And brightens the darkness of  
 today.

Kind words help the stumbling  
 one to go farther  
 On his toilsome way.

There is no selfishness at  
 this time of year  
 Each one gives of his own  
 free will.

So we write a few words of the  
 cheeriest cheer-  
 "A Merry Christmas to you, my  
 dear."

Virginia Myers

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## (Editorial Con't)

Does the team show the proper  
 spirit toward the officials?

Does the team exhibit clean  
 play?

Are the students courteous to  
 the opposing team and rooters?

Are the students courteous to  
 the officials?

Have the students the spirit  
 of fairness?

Does the crowd disapprove of  
 the rough play on the part of  
 both teams?

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## Senior News

The regular senior meeting was held in the activity room Wednesday December 2. A party was taking shape for the near future. It is to be for Seniors only and to be held in the school gym. A committee was appointed to select a class play which will, in all probability, be presented early in February.

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## Senior Rings

Have you wondered why the Seniors are acting so excited and why there is such a hubbub in the halls all the time? The senior rings have arrived! And are they keen? Well, just ask any Senior.

Just listen to this description and draw your own conclusions. Oval shaped signet: green gold; a raised portion depicting an Aladdin's lamp with two torches on each side; Old English S, with H on one side and S on the other. Below this is "Springfield." On one side of the signet is 19, and the other -32.

Be patient, juniors, you'll get yours next year.

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## Commercial Dept.

The students taking the commercial course are showing a great deal of interest in typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping.

This is the first year that S.H.S. has given a commercial course and it is proving quite successful.

Typing students are gradually rising above the "hunt and poke" system. Really, they type fairly well with eyes off the keyboard.

To a person not taking shorthand a lot of funny little marks would mean nothing. But to be able to write 45 words in a minute by symbols is a great deal easier than the long hand method.

## Great Caesar's War

What, you didn't hear about the War? Boy you've surely missed something--or perhaps you've missed nothing. Caesar is the subject of the school, not that everybody is taking it, everybody is wanting to drop it. We will admit that some of us are exceptionally dumb and can't get anything into our heads.

Well, one Thursday evening, a few little sophomores (at least they felt little) were going home to confess to their parents what they got in the six weeks' test, so that father and mother wouldn't be so shocked when they brought their report cards home. Some of them were saying, "That's the lowest grade I ever got in my life." "Boy, I see where I'm dropping Caesar!" Nevertheless, the teacher knows her Latin and does her best to teach us.

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## Junior Meeting

The Junior class held its regular bi-monthly meeting December 8. Plans for a Christmas party were discussed, but no definite conclusions drawn.

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## Haromano Meeting

The Haromano Club held its regular meeting at the home of Dolores Braucher, Tuesday evening, December 9.

It was decided that the annual Christmas party would be held at the home of Lillian White, December 22.

Gifts are to be exchanged among members.

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### Other School News Macedonia

A new orchestra has been started in our school under the leadership of Mr. John Griffith, seventh and eighth grade teacher. It now consists of eighteen members. It is the beginning of a very fine organization.

Hot lunches are being served in the school cafeteria by the Parent-Teachers Association.

The Macedonia School orchestra and the High School Glee Club will present Christmas carols at the P.T.A. meeting, Wednesday evening, December sixteenth.

### Norton

The senior class presented its class play on December 11. The title was "Anne Whats-Her-Name".

### Hudson

The high school operetta, entitled "The Bells of Capistrano", was given Wednesday December Sixteenth.

Captain Donald MacMillan came to Hudson under the auspices of the Baldwin-Babcock lecture system. He literally took a crowded auditorium to the North Pole "With Peary".

The football banquet, honoring the co-champions of Summit County, was held on December twelfth.

Visiting day for Hudson's faculty will take place after Christmas vacation.

### Greensburg

The high school Glee Club will present its operetta "The Wishing Will", Thursday, December 17th and Saturday December 19th. Miss Raison is directing the operetta.

### Northfield

N.H.S. resembled a miniature Hollywood one evening last month. There were cameramen, klieg lights, actors, and lots of action, in fact everything that makes up a motion picture colony. Not many of us ever thought we'd be fortunate enough to be a "star" but every N.H.S. pupil had his picture taken during class by a motion picture camera. These pictures were shown on the screen at night at the school.

### Our Jim

James T. Schermerhorn (Jim) class of '31, Following his first intention, enlisted in the U.S. Navy as soon as he was graduated from S.H.S. He left June 11th for the Great Lakes Training station at Great Lakes, Illinois. After twelve weeks of intensive training in the preliminaries of being a perfect gob, Jim who had Annapolis as his objective, was sent to San Pedro, California, on August 28th for special training. By serious application and hard work Jim left the training station with the rank of Chief Apprentice Petty Officer and the right to wear a "bull's eye" on his sleeve, by virtue of having company high score on the range with a 30 caliber rifle. At present he is stationed on the Repair Ship U.S.S. Meiusa at San Pedro, California, but is trying to transfer to a battle ship in order that he may "STUDY" algebra, geometry, physics, English and ancient and modern history, and spelling and etc.

Jim has had two chances to go to China, but has chosen to make a try for Annapolis next year. Let's hope he may carry the old Red and Gray spirit and make the Navy team. He advised his dad that he will not be home on furlough until Christmas of 1932.

### Interview With Mr. Hadfield.

In answer to our questions as to basketball Mr. Hadfield is greatly in favor of the extensive basketball schedule. The boys like it all so; in fact, they want more, but that is impossible. He said that with the good material he has for the squad and reserve team, he thinks he will be able to carry out this schedule in a "CHAMPIONSHIP" manner. Of course it hard work for the boys but they are able to stand it. He wishes to say that if the team has the the fortunate playing this year that they did last year they will have about twenty four games. (the four tournament games in Akron and the game at Kent)

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### Tony's Diary

Monday---Oh! Oh! vot a day dis has has been. It was raining pitch forks der whole day. Dis is a good day for vich to look for a chob because der banana bizness is poor. I looks for me a chob mit'out success.

Tuesday---Today I goes out again for to find a chob. My good luck vas with me, I finds me a place vere I can get a chob if I passes der examination. It is in der movies. Oh! no not being an actor but an usher vich mebbe some day will bring me a higher chob on der stage. I passes der test, dis test vas to ses if I could stood straight. Den dey gives me some signals to learn mit a flashlight.

Wednesday---Today I goes out und sells der banana vagon for twenty-five dollars.

Thursday---Today is nodings for me to spend my time with. I could study und try to learn der flashlight signals but dis is too soon. I goes for a walk in der park und here I meets der pretty girl vich I haff met last week. I finds dat her name is "Mary." I tinks Mary likes me.

Friday---I stays home today und studies my "signals" I den goes to der movie house und gets my suit fitted, der color is r d. Dey tells me to come on der following Monday to start mit der chob.

Saturday---For today is nodings vich I can write in my diary so I vill write only dat I goes to bed mit thots of to-morrow ven I vill see Mary.

Sunday---Today I goes to Mary's house for der dinner. Such a big feed der vas, but der vas too much tools on der table to eat mit. After dinner I goes home und to bed vith thots of my new chob.

### Corridor Chatter

Cecil L. wants to know how many years the hundred years war lasted.

The other night the Brown girl want down to see the Black boy at the White girl's house.

Jack G. wants to know who the participants in the Spanish-American war were.

It has been rumored that the Hi-Y boys should take cooking vefore serving victuals again.

Springfield High has started its acquarium. It has one specimen, a salamander. (Just a common everyday lizard.)

We have a rising poet in our midst. Donzel M. Miller is the mama!

Jean S. is the official giggler of the senior class. Seniors beware! 'Cause she's the little lady that takes everything as being humorous.

It has been rumored that Mr. Hadfield is going around with one of the alumnae.

Several are wondering why Dale S. uses his violin as a pillow when he plays.

What would happen if Mr. Simmermacher forgot to use the expression "chances are" in Chemistry? Or if Mrs. Reed didn't get angry in sixth period study hall and say, "I'm going to start handing out demerits right and left?" Mr. Hadfield says "more or less" and Mr. Howard, "What do you think?" Mrs. Slife: "Now seniors, I'm not going to tell you again."

Bernice W. forgot to take attendance in sixth period the other day.

"Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

"Quite likely. I've been there."



## My Visit To Niagara

My pard an me starts out on a hike. We walks an walks. Soon we comes to some river that seems to flow purty fast. Well, we follows that river not knowing where we was going.

We soon comes to a house an asked the farmer, some old duck, where we was. He says, "Your following the river that leads to Niagara Fall." "How far is it?" sez I. He sez, "Oh, about 20 miles." So Me and my pard starts pounding leather. It didn't take more than 7 hours to do it. "Well," sez I to my pard, "It's a right nice place. Which it was."

First thing I notices was the mist. Which was a right nice thing. It looked like it was raining.

Then my pard sez, "Look at that piece a land over there." I takes a look and I found out it was Goats Island. My pard ask me if there was many goats on it. I announces there was.

Then we saw a sage. My pard ask me what kind of animals they transport on it. I sez, "Well, they ships people like you and me on it."

Then I noticed some high rock.. They calls it the rock of ages. My pard wanted to know how old it was. I told him no one knows. Then he wanted to know why it was called the rock of ages.

Then I and my pard saw a cave. It's called cave o' the wind. We couldn't see any wind so we leaves it go.

Well, then my pard and myself walks until we sees some water jumping over a cliff. My pard wasn't educated very much. (Neither was I) He asked me what that was. I sez, "Seems like its the Falls. "Whats it used for," sez he. I tells him they use it for a shower beth and he wanted to try it. (He's ignorant.)

Now I've told the sights I've seen without fear;

So I'll make my exit here.

Mearl Phelps.

## What Say, Sis.

"These parties are making me sick," said Joyce Gray to her brother, Burt.

"No, too. I wish the gang would decide to do something else for once. I'm just about all fagged out from dancing at those foolish parties till 3 in the morning. The same thing, two and three times a week, I'm sick of it and I don't care who knows it."

"The whole town has gone in for high society and all kinds of society trash. Trash! That's all it is, and if someone doesn't start something else soon, I'll threaten to leave home."

"Aw, Joy, calm yourself a little and let's put our heads together to start something new. What say, Sis. Is it a go?" Burt asked this in a rather excited voice and from the expression on his face he must have just received an inspiration.

"I'm with you, Bud. Anything to get my mind off parties for a while," dittoed Joyce with a great deal of enthusiasm to encourage her brother.

"Here's the dope, Sis. Christmas is just one week from today and here's the idea-----"

"We'll leave Joyce and Burt for the moment to become better acquainted with them and also that they may become better acquainted with Burt's idea."

Joyce and Burt Gray were the most popular boy and girl in the little town of Newport. Both were very active in school activities and still remained so. Athletics held no small space in their horizon of interests. They both excelled in scholarship and now they were uniting their skillful heads for the development of Burt's idea.

Several days later as Burt sat at his desk in his room, a light tap sounded on the door. A second later the door opened and Joyce entered.

"I've found the very ones that we're looking for Bud!" exclaimed Joyce as she entered and threw her coat and hat on a chair.

## What Say, Sis. (con't)

"Who?" demanded Burt in a voice bubbling over with excitement. "Remember Eunice and Keith Sams?"

"Of course, I do, How could I help but remember that cute little trick, Eunice?" answered Burt, slightly coloring when he recalled the girl who had refused him so many dates. "Why them?" he added, to change the subject.

"It's this way, Burt; they need our help and we're going to give it to them!"

While Joyce goes on to relate her story to Burt, let's turn to a little home several miles from Newport.

"It's happened just as I said it would" said Keith as he entered the door of the little cottage. "They told me to-day that they did not need my services any longer as my physical strength was no longer great enough to endure the heavy labor!"

"Oh, I'm so sorry Keith!" replied Eunice with a catch in her throat as she sank in a chair sobbing.

"Gee, sis, don't take it so hard, I'm terribly upset about it but I couldn't help it. I tried to hold out under the strain of undernourishment as long as I could so we might get mother and the little ones everything they needed."

"But how am I ever going to keep this a secret from poor, dear mother. The doctor said that even the least bit of excitement or shock would just about finish her and oh--! Here her voice trailed off into a fresh hysteria of sobs.

Their father met death during the summer when his car collided with a train. Their mother had suffered a nervous breakdown and had remained in bed since his death. There were three small children and Keith had been left to support the family when only eighteen. He had obtained employment from a near contractor, carrying heavy building stones. When his husky form began shrink from lack of food, his services were no longer required. He had done with out so many times so that his mother might have certain prescriptions and younger ones might have milk. Through it all how ever, Eunice had been his con-

forter. She had cheered him when he was depressed and shared his burdens when they needed lifting. Now the only income of the family had vanished.

Christmas would soon be there, no Christmas for the little ones, who had always had one, would mean quite a blow and a shock which they could not quite understand. Hope of obtaining employment else where had been abandoned. How are we going to get the children a Christmas and mother the necessary medical attention. This question rang in there ears as they sat in there little home pondering.

Christmas morning had dawned bright and early. Suddenly Eunice sat up straight in bed as she heard some one calling her name.

"Be down in just a minute!" primised Eunice.

A few minutes later a crowd of happy young people entered the house. A Christmas tree was set up and lot of gifts were put under it. The storerooms were filled and in the kitchen baskets of food were deposited.

All this Eunice and Keith stared on in amazement. At last Keith found his voice and stammered, "How did? What? Who ever told you about us?"

"Oh, Joyce went out, fished around and found out all about you. Thanks be to Joyce who helped to carry out my idea to do something. Oh, before I forgot--here's your Christmas present Keith," explained Burt as he handed Keith a sealed envelope. (It was a summons to report to work, that Mr. Gray had hired him in the firm.)

Shortly afterwards Mrs. Sams was removed to a hospital and a housekeeper employed to care for the little ones so Eunice could fir school.

At school several days later, Burt accidentally (on purpose) bumped into Eunice. He suddenly forgot that she had ever turned down invitation of his and asked, "How about stopping out with me to-morrow evening?"

Eunice forgot to be haughty and her lack (she thought) of things other girls and promised with a happy, "Fine".

Eva Blixt  
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"MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR"



## S.H.S. Boys Conquer Suffield

S.H.S. boys won their first contest of the season, Saturday December 11 by defeating Suffield 38-14. Our boys showed excellent form with Suffield holding their own, but slowing down gradually. The Springfield quintet came strong after the first quarter to take the lead and hold it throughout the game.

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## S.H.S. Bows to Cuyahoga Falls

Springfield School met with their first defeat of the season at the hands of Cuyahoga Falls team here Wednesday night. (37-20)

Springfield was in there to win but their attack was of no avail until Cuyahoga Falls second team came on the floor a little before the half and remained all during the third quarter. The first team from Cuyahoga Falls came back but not as strong an attack was shown as in the first two periods. The score at the half was 26-9. During the last half each team collected 11 points.

Leybourne of the visitors led with 7 field goals and 2 charity tosses, a total of 16 points; Ankony was high for Springfield with 3 field goals and 2 fouls, a total of 8 points.

In the preliminary, Springfield girls defeated the Alumnae, 22-16, in a hotly contested battle.

Whims was high for Springfield with 10 points while Beech led the Alumnae with 8 points.

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## Are We Downhearted?

Are we downhearted? Why? Because we (the girls) lost to Suffield last Saturday? Emphatically "No!" It is never a disgrace nor cause for downheartedness when one bows before a team which is just a little better than ours.

We feel that this defeat will help us in our future games inasmuch as we now realize that our teamwork is far from superior. We too realize that the strictest training, both mental and physical, is necessary for our team to be at the top of the ladder. This defeat, in a measure will help us to learn that there is honor in being a good loser as well as a good winner. Our goal is county championship! To that end we will strive with all our might.

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## Seventh &amp; Eighth Grade B.B. Team

The seventh grade boys of Lakemore school and the eighth grade boys of S.H.S. have organized a basketball team, with Mr. Martin, Principal of Lakemore, as coach. They have named themselves the "Red Flashes."

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## Roosevelt Defeats Sawyerwood

The Roosevelt boys team defeated Sawyerwood in their first game of the season. The score was not decided until the last few minutes of play.

Roosevelt--30 Sawyerwood--17.

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