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EDITORIAL

Students, why don't you come out for basketball practice?

Do you know that it is only two weeks before the first basketball game and the teams have had very little practice because there are not enough players out? Each evening after supper or after school there are usually only about half enough for a good practice. The rest who are there are either grade children or either town folks who think enough of old S.H.S. to help it out.

What's wrong with the S.H.S. students? Don't you think enough of your school to boost it, or don't you realize the way things are going?

Very frequently when a student is asked why he does not practice, the answer is: "Why should I practice? I will not make the team anyway?" That is not the spirit that makes winning teams in a good high school. Why not say: "Sure, I'll come out and do the best I can?"

Something is wrong with our attitude. We say we want a good high school. Can we expect the school board or teachers alone to make a good school for us, or does some of the responsibility rest on us? A school is no stronger than its individual members, and a team is no strong than its boosters.

So come on, students, let's boost our teams and get some spirit into basketball practice. We'll have a winner yet.

Manners do not seem to be a very important matter in the Scio High school. A read lady or gentleman is one who treats others, whether they are teachers, classmates, friends or foe, with respect. When spoken to, or asked a question, a real lady or gentleman answers with a courteous reply. The attitude and conduct of the students in their classrooms, halls, or in the assembly show their culture; and how they would act at home or in any public place. A visitor in the Scio High school would not see or receive any of these courtesies by some of the students but would seem them racing and "hollering" in the halls, saying unkind and unnecessary things to teachers and fellow students.

We hope that in the future a visitor in the future a visitor in the Scio High school will see all of the students performing the courtesies to their teachers, classmates, friends and to the visitors themselves.

DO YOU KNOW

That no contributions have been found in the contribution box?

That report cards came out the 12th of November?

That the boys play their first game of basketball against the Alumni November 21?

That every student has bought a Student Body ticket?

That no one has yet decided to try for the prize-essay contest?

That we have students in S.H.S. just as capable of winning these prizes as anyone?

That some students are going to be disappointed when they see their report cards?

That they have no one to blame but themselves?

That "only" six pupils have been caught chewing gum since the last announcement that it must be stopped?

DON'T FORGET

The song contest.
The Oregon Society of Sons of the American Revolution offer three cash prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 for the best essays on "Burgoyne's Campaign and its Consequences."

The Glee club meets Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

The Oregon Historical Society is offering another Beekman's prize this year.

To buy an athletic ticket.

That the boys practice basketball Monday and Wednesday after supper and Tuesday and Friday after school.

That the girls practice Tuesday night after supper and Monday and Wednesday after school.

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL

Boys and girls interclass basketball teams are to be organized in the near future. The combined classes of seniors and freshmen will play against the combined junior and sophomore teams. There will probably be three games played to determine the champion team. These games will help to pick the best material for high school teams.

DO YOU LIKE TO ARGUE?

We notice, in the Exchanges, that other schools are either making definite plans for taking up debating or are already beginning work in that worthy enterprise. Shall Scio High school fall behind in this respect, or shall we also engage in that form of friendly combat?

The benefits to be derived from debating are almost too many to enumerate. First, we might mention the useful information one gets from studying the various questions, in which he might otherwise never interest himself. Next, let us consider the mental training one derives from debating these questions. One must learn not only to see all arguments on both sides of the question, but also to judge the value of one argument against another and to withhold judgment until all facts and arguments are presented. One learns to judge fairly and not to judge hastily. Practice in debating trains one to think clearly and logically, to distinguish the important from the unimportant, to be clear and definite on all points and to speak convincingly and forcefully. It teaches one to be resourceful in dealing with the unexpected. It teaches one lessons in good sportsmanship, also, for he finds that he must listen respectfully to the opinions of others and treat his opponents with courtesy and respect whether he agrees with them or not. Then there is also the necessity of being a good loser or a graceful winner. Besides these, and many other benefits, there is the ease and confidence one gains from speaking in public.

Some time in the near future an opportunity will be given S.H.S. students to take up debating work. Let us be ready when that opportunity is given and have a goodly number ready to begin. We have a number of students who should make good debaters, and many others who should derive much benefit from the work even if they are not selected to represent their class or school. If you have a liking for argument, why not exercise this talent and turn it into beneficial channels?

ATHLETIC NOTES

When the call for basketball was issued by our coach, Mr. Watenpaugh there were four players from last year's team. Several freshmen came out who have had some experience on the eighth grade team last year.

The boys are practicing every Wednesday night and Tuesday and Thursday right after school.

Two double headers have been scheduled with Turner and single games with Gates boys.

There were twelve boys out to practice the first night, not counting the eighth grade boys.

When the girls started practicing basketball they found that they had six girls back from last year's team. With these girls back, the girls should be heard from this year.

There were fourteen girls out to the first practice. Mr. Watenpaugh is head coach and he should develop a good team.

SHUR IT WOOD

(With apologies to the English Dept.)
It takes a lot of peepol for
A world as big as this,
& while we wish that sum
Wer gone, a lot of them we'd mis.

We'd mis the berd who has a
Smile & always likes to show it;
We'd mis the man who likes his friends
& lets the hole werid no it.
We'd mis the gi who always has
The time to say Helo
the gi whos always on the job
the ferst to say, les go.
& if we'd mis those kind of gis
Wel, wooden't it be troo,
that folks wood mis Us when were gone
if we were that way to?

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

It has been decided that one fourth credit will be given to those wishing to join the glee club. Besides singing, the study of music will be taken up, and credit will be given the same as in any other subject, according to the work that is done.

One half hour of the last period on Monday and Wednesday of each week has been set aside for the club practice.

Twelve girls have joined the Glee Club so far. We hope to have more members in the near future. Any girl wishing to take Glee Club work without credit is also welcome.

ASSEMBLY SIDE LIGHTS

Why do students persist in assembly hour whispering? A few whisper about their lessons, others to find assignments which they should have gotten in class, and failed, probably because they were whispering there too. A great many students whisper merely for "gossip." No difference why we whisper there is absolutely no need for it. It not only keeps both parties involved from preparing their lessons but also disturbs others who are trying to study. Did you ever stop to think that you might be whispering to a person who wanted to prepare a lesson, but didn't want to make you "peeved" by saying so?

Whispering affects the reputation as well as the worth of the school greatly. If anyone comes in to visit our school and all the students in assembly are whispering, what will they think? What would you think? Every individual in S.H.S. should stop and think before whispering, or doing some other disturbing thing. "What would our school be if everybody did as I do?" People cannot do two things at once. Therefore when we are found whispering anyone can see we are not studying intensively.

It is the personal responsibility of every High School student, as well as of every citizen of Scio, or of the U. S., to make our school, our city and our country the very best we can.

If our school has a bad reputation people will not want to move into Scio and send their children to such a school. In order to make our school the best school, we will have to abide by all rules and stop whispering. Let's make our school better by reading exchanges, or library books in our spare time instead of whispering.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET

A banquet was given Friday, Nov. 14, by Mr. Watenpaugh in honor of the Scio high school boys and their fathers.

The banquet was fairly well attended, although several of the "dads" were absent. Everyone present gathered at the gym, where the boys tried to defeat their fathers in volleyball, basketball and indoor baseball. Also some of the braver ones put on the boxing gloves. The honors were about even, but several of the boys were a little the worse for wear.

After the athletics were over, Mr. Watenpaugh announced that some "eats" would be served in the school house. Of course no one could miss these and were promptly served with ice cream, sandwiches, cookies and coffee by the Domestic Science girls and the high school teachers.

Everybody went home happy and proclaimed the banquet a huge success.

EXCHANGES

The dramatic club of the Woodburn high school presented the play "Stop Thief" Nov. 13th, 14th and 15th.

Debate has been introduced in Silverton High recently for the first time.

The Hi-O-Scope, from Corvallis, is one of the most interesting and well constructed papers on our exchange list.

We are still wishing for more publications to be added to our exchange list. Due to lack of finances we are publishing the "Sphinx" every two weeks in the town paper, and by doing so we will be able to put out a bigger and better annual.

Please send exchanges to the High school.

Swede (in Com. Geography): "Say, is a flying fish a bird?"

EDITORS CONFERENCE

An invitation was received from Eugene to attend the annual student conference which will be held December fifth and sixth. The object of this conference is to give the students who attend from all over the state some very valuable information about student body government and the publishing of school papers and annuals.

Scio has been represented for the past three years, and although no one has been selected yet, there will probably be someone there again this year.

JUNIOR CLASS NOTES

The Juniors are still here, we lived through the exams and are happy.

The Seniors think they are a lot greater than we are, but just because we have a small class it's no sign that we are small. Just wait until we are Seniors, and we'll show up the Sophs.

The Junior class is going out 100 per cent for basketball. No other class is following our example, though.

We notice that Elsie Hiatt is sitting in the junior row of seats.

FRESHMAN CLASS NOTES

We, the class of '28, have noticed that our green blossoms bloom faithfully on Friday on each member, most of the time. Two of our members failed to comply with the "Rule of the Sophs," and the consequences were a good paddling. Some of the tender-hearted Sophs sympathized with them, because they had gone through the same experience.

Our class seems to lack a superabundance of pep, or at least it is not directed in the channels that would do to write about.

Some of the folks think we could study a little more instead of whispering, but we're not supposed to know any better.

According to the Sophs they are about "it." However, we have a different idea.

SOPHOMORE CLASS NOTES

A Sophomore meeting was held last Monday for the purpose of making arrangements for the "Freshie Green." It was decided that the Freshman girls green should consist of green hair ribbons and stockings. The boys must wear bright solid green neckties. No Freshman will be allowed to use the pencil sharpener from ten to twelve o'clock on Friday morning. The penalty for disobedience of any of these acts is a song of spanking before assembly. A committee was appointed to enforce these rules. They are to report to the class if any are found disobeying and the penalty will be inflicted upon them just before dismissal at noon.

Several of the Freshmen received their "lesson" at noon last Friday. We hope (for their sake) that they have learned.

A Sophomore girls' basketball team may be organized soon.

Mae C: "Give me a pound of oysters."
Clerk: "We sell them by measure."
Mae C: "Oh! all right. Then give me a yard of oysters."

Strange facts from last exams:
King Phillip was kind of England.
Roger Williams settled Plymouth.
Cortez accomplished Mexico.
The queen of England offered his hand in marriage to the king of Spain and she refused.
Roger Williams is a Quaker.

BASKETBALL

Gymnasium Friday Nite Nov. 21

Alumni vs. High School

ADMISSION—
25¢

Proceeds will go to heating the Gymnasium. Everybody come. Help us raise the money for this worthy cause.