

# High School Section--Continued

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### WHY WE SHOULD STUDY SPANISH

(Margaret St. Clair)

To the south of the United States there are here Spanish speaking countries namely: Central America, Mexico and South America.

Mexico, because of its poor government is a ready field for social reform, and there are many government positions available if one has a knowledge of the Spanish language.

The same is true of Central America and South America where there are many towns with mines and packing plants, which are completely controlled by American corporations.

Spanish is really accepted as the commercial language and every commercial student and every stenographer and employer should understand it, but that is not the only reason. Because of the similarity to the English language in verb construction it

is good to study for a foundation; as Latin is studied.

Some of our well known English words of today are derived from the Spanish, such as: plaza, caron, mesa, etc. and there are many English words similar to the Spanish in pronunciation and spelling, such as cathedral and negation, which mean cathedral and negative.

As many years before the great war people of culture and refinement studied the German language, so now, the best read people study Spanish.

I think that the reasons already given show that Spanish is a very good language to study.

## Domestic Art Department

### DOMESTIC ART.

(Greta Walker, '29)

Should domestic art be taught in the high schools?

As there has been considerable discussion on this subject, I, for one, am convinced that it should be. I have had sewing in grade school for three years, and I really thought I knew something about it, but as soon as I started here I found there was much yet to learn. Of course I got so I could sew, or rather make stitches, but that's not all there is to sewing.

Here at first we were taught how to sew correctly, that is how to hold the needle and material in order to do our work most efficiently. Like everything else there is a right and wrong way to sew, and the majority of people that haven't been taught the right way at some time know only one of the many wrong ways. Then we were taught how to make our simple patterns and how to enlarge, or make smaller a pattern. This is the beginning of the economic side of domestic art. Simple patterns cost as much as the more complicated ones but cost nothing when we know how to make them ourselves, the money thus saved can be spent on buying better material which will look better and wear much longer.

When we make our garments we make them not for the garment, but to apply our future knowledge, as using patterns and making seams, finishes, etc. For example our making of French seams, I know that anybody can make them, but that's not saying they are made right, perfect French seams are a thing to be proud of.

When we made our second garment we learned to make flat fell seams. At first we thought it was impossible to get them flat, and an even width but after a few times ripping them and getting angry and nearly crying over

them, we got them perfect and can now make them as well as any seamstress, which is quite an accomplishment on our part.

On our third garment, which was a gingham apron, we were taught how to make and put on bias binding.

Some people may think it's foolish to make binding when it can be purchased for such a small sum but if they could only see how nice our aprons looked. I'm sure they would think differently. In this way we can make binding in many colors that could not be purchased. On this same garment we also learned how to put on patch pockets, to some people this will seem funny, to think we would have to learn that, but if they could only see the right way compared with the wrong way, they would understand.

We are now learning to embroider. Embroidery, when well done is really a work of art. To do nice embroidery requires close application and considerable skill. Before we finish ours, I'm sure we'll have some "embroidery artists."

As this is an economic class we are also going to frame pictures, which is a very good thing to know, as we can also make our home beautiful, "as well as ourselves," and would think more of the pictures that we framed than the ones purchased already framed.

In the many things we are yet to make and with the skill the girls are displaying I know we will be proud of our work.

If the people wanting proof of what the girls have accomplished would come and visit the school paying special attention to domestic art class, they would be convinced that the girls are learning something of wonderful value in later life.

### THE GIRLS LEARN TO COOK CORRECTLY.

(Margaret Koerner)

A course in domestic science is one of the most applicable which can be taken in high school. Every girl should learn to cook because sooner or later she will have to feed her own family. In the domestic science course, she will learn to cook correctly, plan menus intelligently, eat daintily and in general learn how to keep her family healthful, by feeding them what's good for them. She will know how to feed them when they are sick or well, little or big, fat or thin. (Girls who are vainly trying to reduce, please note this last item.)

The girl who takes domestic science in high school will never be flustered or hurried in getting a meal, for she has learned efficiency in cooking. By being efficient she saves labor and time so that she is always at ease, not bothered or weary. What man, after a hard day's work, likes to come home to a cross, tired wife in an untidy house and receive a badly prepared, and unplanned meal, which will probably ruin his digestion so that he will have a bad temper too, if he isn't out of patience already?

Then too, the girl who has taken domestic science will never be at a loss to plan her meals well, and she knows just what she must serve in order to get enough of all food values, vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, fats, proteins. She has then all in her meals. As a consequence her family is well served, happy and healthy. Her meals are well served and her table manners and those of her family are correct, as she has had such training in school. Then too, her grocery bills will not be so high, as she has learned to use economy in food preparation. But her table is never sparsely laden. Heaven forbid! But she has learned to prepare the less expensive foods so that they taste well, or better than the more costly ones which are not so well prepared.

Her table will be well set and pleasingly arranged for she knows how to place the dishes, where to place the salad and how much silver is necessary.

Boys, if you want a happy home get a girl who takes domestic science, you will never lack good food to eat and your wife will be cheerful and keep her home neat and clean and homelike.

### HOUSE DECORATION ATTRACTS GIRLS.

(Helen Laudan)

If you were to plan a house would you know how to go about it? Many people when they plan their house never think of the exterior of it. They know they want a window or a door there but it never occurs to them to think "Will the exterior appearance of my house be spoiled by that window?" It doesn't seem very important but it is, because you will

have to live in that house probably all your life, and if it is attractive you will be happier and more satisfied. The best way is to consult an architect and plan with his help. He can be hired but if the most satisfactory work is to be done you must work and plan with him intelligently. One woman went to an architect and told him to draw a plan for her house. He asked her how she wanted it planned. She replied, "Oh, I want a cute-little cupoard for my linen and a nice kitchen."

Try to plan your house so that when finished it will fit into its surroundings. Plan your home so it will be a unit in the neighborhood. Can you imagine how a large, square, dark colored house would look in a block where all the other houses were small, and of a light color? That large house would stand out from the rest and attract everybody's attention.

Keep in mind, also, everything from the exterior design of the house, the shape of the various rooms and the use to which they will be put, the relation of the rooms to each other, the placing of the furniture for convenience and beauty, to the selection of materials for a foundation, siding, or roof, all of these things go to make a more convenient, durable, and lovely home.

Besides house planning other important phases of house decoration are: the study of period furniture; hangings, the kinds of weaves and cost of different rugs, the texture of drapery to hang draperies; weave, pattern, cost and use of linen; and the use, patterns and cost of silver. These are some of the things the house decoration girls are learning.

### DOMESTIC ART STUDENTS ENTHUSIASTIC WORKERS.

In domestic art we began by learning several different kinds of stitches so that we could apply them to the articles we made later on, then we learned how to enlarge or alter a commercial pattern as the case may be and how to make our own simple patterns. We made French seams in underwear, and also learned to make flat fell seams which we made on our aprons. In putting on pockets on our aprons Miss Hahn taught us the correct way. We were also taught to put binding, which we made, on correctly. We are now learning how to do simple embroidery which we are putting on Christmas presents, and are going to learn how to frame pictures, although it is not required in this course.

After Christmas Miss Hahn will teach us about colors, which ones blend, and which don't and the colors which will suit certain persons' complexions, then we are going to make gingham dresses and in this article we will learn how to set in sleeves, a turn back collar, and to put on cuffs.

Then comes our problem of making an article of apparel out of wool material, we will either make a dress, skirt, or jacket, after that we will make a garment for a child under 12 years of age, then we will learn to make a silk garment, probably it will be a dress. We have already learned how to make button holes.

We do not sew every day of the week, but have our time divided, on Tuesdays and Thursdays we study out of a book called "Textile Fabrics," in this we learn about the different kinds of materials and how to tell the better quality of material from the poor quality. We also learned which materials are suitable for certain occasions and which not. We all hope that the girls who come to this high school after us will take the course in domestic art, for it does a girl a great deal of good.

## Agricultural Department

Perhaps there is no subject in school which offers such a variety of topics for study as the agriculture course and this leads to the common question among the "Ag. boys" as they come to class, "What do we have in Ag. today?" Supervised study, class room recitations, class discussions, debates, individual reports, laboratory study, field studies and shop work—these are the different study methods used. It would take several columns to tell about the different topics considered.

There are three courses being taught in agriculture this year. Farm Animals or Ag. I is a course for marketing of livestock. Right now this class is busily engaged in testing milk for butterfat. As soon as the boys become proficient in this work they will test milk from the cows of a number of farmers in and around Gresham. These boys are also putting in two days a week in the shop making useful articles and becoming skillful in the use of tools such as are used on the farm.

Farm Crops and Horticulture, or Ag. 2 is a course for sophomores where the enterprises considered are the growing of field, fruit and vegetable crops. These boys have just finished a careful study of potato grading and potato varieties. If you want to know what kind of potatoes you have at home let one of these boys have a look at them. Judging corn is now their topic for study. These boys are also working in the shop as this is the time of the year when field studies are out of season.

Ag. 3 is called Farm Engineering and is a course designed for juniors and seniors. These boys make a study of farm machinery, other farm engineering work, farm buildings, management and conveniences. They are now carrying on three studies at once by a special group arrangement. Soldering, auto painting and agricultural drawing take up four days out of the week and the fifth day is for class study, discussion or recitation. These boys are rapidly becoming familiar with the intricacies of Fords and other automobiles and later on will un-

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### Sophomore Class

**RECORD PROGRESS.**

Soon after school started the sophomores met and nominated officers for the new year. Later they elected the following officers: Linden Lunday, president; Vaughn McCann, vice president; Mabel Smith, secretary; Edna Burlingame, treasurer, and George Wadsworth, Argus reporter. Earl Weiss was elected to represent the sophomore class in the student body council. Gladys McCann was elected as yell leader but since she belongs to the glee club she resigned and Clair Gullickson was elected to take her place.

The first thing on the program for the Sophs was to initiate the freshmen into the deep and thrilling mysteries of high school life. They invited them to a party one Friday night. The first part of the evening was enjoyed playing games. Later they had several contests, one of which was a kick-car race between the tallest soph and the tallest freshman. Albert Nordblom made excellent use of his long legs and won the race for the sophomores. The freshmen were then initiated after a light refreshment of which they partook of ice cream, cookies and cocoa. After a short program, the party was ended. Everybody had a very enjoyable time.

One Friday, a few weeks later, the school was rather shocked at the appearance of several of the students with bright colored socks on, until it woke up to the fact that it was sophomore loud-sock day. And say, the socks! There were pink ones, green ones, red ones, yellow ones, striped ones, painted ones and every other kind! Of course, they wore them all day even if they were a distraction in some of the classes.

The sophomore boys elected Linden Lunday, captain of the sophomore 11. The frosh readily accepted their challenge to play but were licked, 6-0. The freshmen then challenged the sopho-


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mores to another game because Horace Wihlon, their captain, had not been able to play in the first game. This time the teams tied with a score of 0-0.

George Wadsworth was elected captain of the sophomore basketball team. They have played one game with the seniors in which both teams made but one basket, making the score 2-2.

The sophomore girls elected Margaret Erickson captain of their basketball team. The girls expect to play off their games in the near future.

### High School News Items.

The Gresham high school has been asked to contribute something to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland. Last year the students sent in a contribution at Christmas time, and they hope to do it again this year.

The annual senior play "Just Suppose" was given on Friday, December 4 to a full house. The plot was interesting, as it depicted what might be the Prince of Wales in private life, showing that he would be human enough to fall in love with a pretty American girl, and man enough to give her up for his country. The lead was played by Donald Confrey as the prince, and Eleanor Botkin as the American girl.

Football days are over! Our last game was not a very important game to most of us, but we will probably never know how much it meant to our football men. The game ended just about dusk, but it was more than merely the ending of a game to our boys. It meant that for some of the boys it would probably be the last played by them on Stapleton field. The last time that they would fight for our school!

Tuesday noon the freshman and sophomore girls will start the ball rolling for the girls' championship in basketball.

The music department of G. H. S. is planning to put on the Sullivan's light opera, "H. M. S. Pinafore," and the school has decided that it will put over the business management. The glee clubs are now working on Pinafore, even though it will not be given until some time in the spring after the junior play.

The senior class thanks the patrons for their support of the play which was a huge success. Various comments have come in and it seems to be one of the best if not the best ever given in Gresham by the high school. They are sorry that there was not enough candy for those who wanted it. Although all the bills have not come in yet, the seniors hope to clear \$200, which will go towards the publication of the "Munhinotu."

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