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Dramatic Art Group Presents "Double Trouble"

Paper Sale Winners

Select Pictures

Winners of the paper sale which was held last May were given an opportunity to select a picture for their rooms.

Miss Amy Molstad, whose home room won first place in the ninth grade, selected "Company for Supper" by Dale Nichols.

"The Blue Door" by Wintz was chosen by Miss Marie Kelleher whose home room group won first place in the eighth grade.

Miss May Seavey's group won in the seventh grade, and she chose "Mt. Equinox" by Kent.

Only one of the three pictures is hung, and that is the one in 205.

9A's Plan Activities

Plans for the 9A activities have been made by the Senate which is made up of the 9A class officers and a representative from each 9A home room.

Members of this committee are: Don Nelson, Jack Becker, Virginia Lundquist, Jerry Lasley, Robert Smith, Mary Jane McMillan, James Van Valkenburg, Vivian Uppgaard, and Sylvia Des Marais.

On Thursday, January 16, the 9A Sunlight will be held from 3:15 until 5:00 p. m. On Tuesday, January 21, the Winter Frolic will be held at Glenwood Chalet. Finishing exercises will be given during the last week.

Ramsey Art Pupils Display Work

November 24-31 was National Art week. The Ramsey art pupils put on a display in the halls.

Richard Pritikin, 9B7, who is one of the art pupils, had a one man display on the second floor in front of Miss Jean Sullivan's room, 200.



Back- Kalman Lifson, Joy Park, Bob Huber, Arthur Croisette, Bernard DeVries, Bou Klick.

Middle- Dick McFarland, Jean Ann Perrine, Jim Hefferman, James Van Valkenburg. Carolyn McLean, Phyllis Peterson.

Front- Gerald Paulson, Jerry Clark, Patty Ross, Bernadette Rouen.

Win First Place in Book Week Contest

Two pupils, Carolyn McLean, 9A, and Ralph Roller, 9B, tied for first place in the contest which was held in the English classes during Book Week. It was sponsored by the library.

Carolyn wrote a poem entitled "Jo." Ralph's composition was a letter on "The Descent into the Maelstrom."

Judging of the compositions was impartial. One of the judges was John Gibbon, publisher of the Catholic Boys' Magazine.

F. L. Kildow to Speak at Press Conference

Fred L. Kildow, head of the National Press association, will talk to the editors and advisers when the Minneapolis junior high school press conference meets at Lincoln junior high on Friday afternoon, December 6.

The program includes round table discussions, concerning problems of the various pages.

"Double Trouble" by James Reach to be presented Friday, December 13, by the 9A Dramatic Art class is a three act comedy.

Spike, a crook, and his pal, Gropper, pass as Aunt Deborah and her doctor. While visiting the Berry's house, they are discovered by Jimmy Berry and Art Samson, Alice's friend, so they decided to run away. Alice, who thinks she is too good for their town, decides to go with them.

Lena, the hired maid, Elsie Boggs, a neighbor girl, and Sissie, the little sister, add much humor to the play. In the end Uncle Curt and Joan, the nurse, catch the crooks and, in the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. Berry are trying to raise \$1500 to pay a debt.

F. D. Lewis Gives Bride Away

The marriage of Miss Persis Harper, daughter of Mrs. L. D. Harper, orchestra director of Ramsey, and Jay Richter took place Saturday afternoon, November 30, at Lynnhurst church.

Fred D. Lewis, principal, gave the bride away.

Mr. and Mrs. Richter have left on a trip to Mexico.

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Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men

As the Christmas season draws near, once again through the minds of men goes that ever beautiful saying "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." Over nineteen hundred years ago, the angels sang this to the shepherds, for the King of peace had been born.

In the United States, the people of all nations have learned the value of peace. But in Europe once again hate rules, once again millions are killed, and once again people are at war.

We, the people of the United States, should hope and pray that in the near future Europe will realize that unity and peace are more beneficial to mankind than war.

—R—

Vacation Starts December 21

When Christmas vacation starts, December 21, it will mark off three weeks of vacation for pupils. The pupils will be anxious and excited the first week, playing, and using the presents the second week, and - the third week. You pupils had better think ahead, it's going to be pretty boring, but, well, it's vacation.

—R—

Clothes Collected for the Needy

Because the fund of clothing and toys for needy Minneapolis children was low, contributions by Ramsey pupils were sent in early.

Some of the girls clubs in Ramsey are giving Christmas baskets to needy families. Mrs. June Hoitomp, visting teacher, was consulted and has found families who are in need.

"Bear" Facts

When we lived in Northern Minnesota, my father was Commander of one of the C.C.C. Camps located on the Gunflint Trail, near the Canadian border- Up there one can see nature in the raw -- towering pine trees, wilderness acres uninhabited by people, yet a paradise for wild game.

As the north woods are abundant with fishing haunts, one of the chief pastimes of C.C. boys on week -ends was to go fishing. One Saturday two of the boys went for a fishing trip to a nearby lake. The pathway to the lake was narrow through the dense forest, as very few people penetrate any distance into the Superior National Forest. The boys were fortunate in making quite a catch of fish. When the boys started back to camp, they had gone about half way when a huge bear appeared in the pathway. She immediately smelled the fish and was determined to have them. The boys turned and ran to a place some way back where there was a large rock which they climbed in haste. But Mrs. Bruin was not going to give up that easy. She followed them and took her stand at the foot of the rock. The boys thought to satisfy her hunger and threw her a fish, but the old bear still remained. They waited for an interval and fed her a few more fish. But the bear would not be satisfied. As it was getting dark, the boys finally decided that all they could do would be to give up all the fish, so with deep sighs of regret they tossed all of them down to the waiting bear. As Mrs. Bruin could smell no more fish, she walked on down the path towards the lake. The boys climbed down and went back to camp, and had quite a fish story to tell their pals that evening.

--Robert Person, 9B

—R—

Lend a Hand - Buy Christmas Seals

A plea is made by the Hennepin County Tuberculosis Association to protect homes from tuberculosis.

Last year, it sent 47 people under 20 years of age to Glen Lake Sanitorium. In the United States, it took the lives of 3,982 between the ages of 15 and 20.

Basketball Season Opens for the Boys

Basketball practice started the week after Thanksgiving vacation. The 9A's, 9B's, 8A's, 8B's, and the seventh grades will each have one night out of each week to practice by themselves.

The basketball schedule will then start two weeks after Thanksgiving vacation, a "round robin" schedule, which is each team plays every team in its division, will be played.

The 9A gym periods are having group work. The equipment being used is rings, high and low bars, the baskets, and the horse.

—R—

Ramsey Alumni Make News

Some of the former pupils of Ramsey are making good in high schools and in business all over the country.

Patty Berg, '34, the famous golfer, has gone into professional golfing.

Jean Blanche, '34, has made herself famous. She is a dancer with Ted Lewis' band.

Jim Shikany, Don Lord, and John Rusch, all June, '40, played football at Washburn this fall.

Dick Hoffman, '38, former 9A class president, was captain of the Washburn football team.

Bob Gunderson, '35, has joined the Naval Reserves.

Jean Meredith, '34, now a student at U. C. L. A., Los Angeles, California, was on the program "Battle of the Sexes" two weeks ago.

—R—

Joke

The operetta cast was in 102 getting ready for dress rehearsal and the skits. Wigs were a very much in evidence.

Lloyd Fredin, 9B, remarked to Mrs. Erhardt, "Can I wear my hair at an angle?"

SPEAKING SPORTWISE

Did you know that the champion Nicollet Midgets' football team will be toasted at the Franklin Cooperative Creamery, November 28? The Minnesota football pictures will be shown.

The 9B's, 1, seem headed for their biggest year since coming here as 7B's. They won the football crown this year and seem to have a good chance in basketball. Some of the boys who make the team click are "T" Hoffman, "Tiny" Ellertson, Loring Abrahamson, and "Buzz" Wheeler.

The 8A's are forming a hockey team for their grade. It was formed at the request of enthusiastic hockey fans. One of them was Jack Feist. Some of the boys interested in this team are Jerry Smith, Toddy Mettler, Jim Stark, Bill Sherman, and George Chapman.

P. U. Duebendorf, gym instructor has prepared the basketball schedule. All home rooms not having eight or more members will be ineligible.

We have picked the best athletes in the different grades.

Charles Massie, 7B7, 100, plays football, baseball, and hockey. He specializes in playing football.

Gordon Hollstein, 7A, is selected as best in 7A. He plays baseball, and hopes to play third base in the big leagues.

Roger Brown, 8B3, 312, is outstanding athlete for the year in 8B. Roger is famous for his home runs in tight spot.

Todd Mettler, 8A4, 302, is best at playing baseball. He is usually pitching the apple whenever he is seen playing.

Johnny Dunnigan, 9B, 313, is known for playing guard or tackle in football. He hits that line and plunges through.

Jim Miller, 9A2, 301, is known for playing sports of all kinds.

A Quiz for You - Try It

Here's a quiz on Ramsey for all you pupils who want to know something about your school.

1. What year was Ramsey opened?

It was opened February 1, 1932.

2. Approximately how many pupils are registered in Ramsey?

There are 1,567 pupils registered.

3. How many classes have been promoted from Ramsey?

16 classes have been promoted.

4. How many lunch periods are there at Ramsey in a week?

There are 10 lunch periods.

5. What home room in Ramsey has the most girls in it?

The girls' council, room 202.

6. How many teachers are there in Ramsey?

There are 62 teachers.

7. How many gyms are there?

There are two gyms.

8. Who is Ramsey's chief engineer?

Mr. Holter is Ramsey's chief engineer.

—R—

News from the Girls' Gym

The ping pong tournament starts this week, only for the 9A girls.

The 7A4's defeated the 7A2's for the seventh grade beat-ball championship. The 8B1's won the eighth grade championship by defeating the 8B3's.

The 9AY's defeated the 9A3's and 4's for the ninth grade championship in speedball.

In the girls' gym, the girls are seen practicing the schottish.

—R—

AMBITIONS OF 8B's

Jon Ely- To be the drummer in a hot swing band.

Larry Larimore- To design women's dresses.

Julius Dahl- To learn how to fight.

Pat Lavin- To get anything but "F's" on his report card.

TIP OFF

Ramsey is happy to welcome three new pupils, Burton Cooley, 9A1, is from Mound, Minnesota. Wallace Baldwin, 9A1, came from LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Mary Jean Borg, 8B5, is from Cokato, Minnesota. We hope you like our school.

Also Ramsey had three pupils leaving the school, Joan and George Patton, 9B, of Fort Snelling went to Little Rock, Arkansas. Laura Bing, 8B, also of Fort Snelling, went to Washington D.C.

Shirley Silseth, 9B, instead of being away, was entertained by a houseful of guests. She seems to have had a grand time.

Bangs are popular with many girls in Ramsey. Gayle Reuter Dahl, 9A, and Katherine Miller, 9A, have them. A variety of 8A's have them, too, but the 9B's seem to stick to heinies.

Dorothy Lund, 8B, must like the color red. She has a bright red coat which is very becoming.

Beverly Johnson, 9A, was an attendant at her sister's wedding on November 22.

A new fad has swept Ramsey, that of the rubber boots girls have been wearing. The pupils have something to say, as teachers will testify, so certain ones from each grade were asked, "What do you think of the raintogs girls have been wearing?"

Jean Parson, 9B, "They're cute but too common."

Pete Aurness, 9B, could only say, "They're fair."

Barbara Drake, 8B, likes them because they're practical.

Cliff Norton, 9B, was particularly emphatic when he said, "They look like things people three years old would wear."

Joan Krieg, 8B, thinks they're wonderful except when the snow gets in them.

John Herbolsheimer, 8A, thinks there ought to be a law against them.

NAMES

Names are surprising things. Some are so very long, some so short. The pupils with the longest names are Evangeline Stocksett 9B9, and Jacqueline Villevik 7A3: 19 letters making up their cognomens. It takes concentration to spell them. A short name like Joy Park, 9A3, with seven letters is easy and requires little effort when it comes to spelling.

There is something queer about many names. It may be spelling, length, or sound, or meaning.

Many names have direct opposites as:

Patty Ireland	Patty Scotch
Edith English	Edith French
Robert Hood	Robert Lake

Some names transposed would still be sensible as:

Gordon Earl	Earl Gordon
Ernest Benjamin	Benjamin Ernest

Alden Allen	Allen Alden
Richard Herman	Herman Richard
Jeanne Otto	Otto Jeanne

Perhaps, the oddest is that of John Lillienskiold, 7B8.

9A Boys Interested in Dancing

Home room dancing for the 9A boys is progressing fast. The boys are getting ready for the class mixers, and so they are learning some of the latest steps; such as, the square step, the waltz, the two step, and the open.

The 9A's are waiting patiently for the first mixer, which will be held December 5, at 3:30 p. m.

9B's to Have Sunlight Dance December 6

On December 6, 1940, the 9B class will have a sunlight dance. It will be the first one the 9B's have had in many years. It will last from about 3:30 until about 5:00 o'clock in the girls' gymnasium.

The music will be furnished by the electric victrola. New records have been purchased.

Clara Barton Was the First President of the Red Cross

Clara Barton was born a shy, timid girl. In school she was afraid of everyone and everything. She conquered this fear on the battlefield during the Civil War knowing that the sick and suffering soldiers needed her help.

For her kindness, she was known as "The Angel of the Battlefield."

The establishing and becoming the first president of the Red Cross was her greatest triumph in her crusade for better nursing in times of suffering. During the Civil War, she named and marked over 12,000 graves in the Andersonville, Georgia National Cemetery.

In 1869 Miss Barton gave her services to Red Cross work during the Franco-Prussian War. From the start of Red Cross in America to her death in 1912, she gave her services willingly to those in pain and want.

What a Day!

The whole thing started when Mother and Dad walked out the front door, not listening to my remarks.

The first misfortune happened when I heard my little brother wailing. In my haste, I knocked my Latin book and the ink well together. But, unheeding my misfortune, I plunged upstairs, only to find my brother with a spoonful of iodine, ready to gulp it down. As I knocked it out of his hand, he fell towards the bathtub. I luckily caught him, but he unluckily turned on the faucet. Just then the telephone rang. It might have rung all night as far as I was concerned. Finally I got the baby in bed, but then heard a dripping sound in the front room. To my amazement I found the water had not been turned off.

The next moment the telephone rang. One of my friends explained that he had switched Latin books. Need I tell the final result?