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## FEBRUARY CELEBRITIES

February is rich in notable birthdays. Among these are Roger Williams, champion of religious liberty; Charles Dickens, a great English novelist; Galileo, an ancient astronomer; Cardinal Newman, author of "Lead Kindly Light"; Handel, a great composer; Victor Hugo, a great writer; and our own Washington and Lincoln.

Washington laid the foundation of the United States and made it possible. Not in the possession of unusual genius, but in the remarkable combination of perseverance and ordinary qualities: exalted idealism, honest courage, broad human kindness, and practical common sense were George Washington's common assets.

When discouragement whispers in your ear, think of Washington. He heard it; it fairly screamed at him. He met reverses. He was forced to retreat at times. He encountered failures, but they only inspired him on to greater efforts--and in the end, victory and glory were his.

Sixty-seven years after the birth of the "Father of His Country", the "Savior of His Country" was born in a log cabin. Other presidents have risen from the obscurity of humble birth; but never was there a president who moved so humbly in such high places. He was in truth the "New Birth of Our New Soil, the First American".

Both these great patriots live in the memory of their country men. Each of them sacrificed to make the country a safer and better place. Each was a man that could be trusted, and each was a hero in great things as well as in small ones. Both men are beloved by all the people of America. Their earnestness, uprightness, patriotism, and heroism furnished inspiring lessons for us all.

To those who talk and walk  
This proverb should appeal:  
The steam that blows the  
whistle

Will never turn the wheel:

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The ANNOUNCER is "published" by the students of Nederland High School in the interest of fun and good fellowship.

What do you think of our classy new "dress"--Black and Gold? Some style we think. The only disadvantage is that we don't get all those days off soliciting ads--and, incidentally, seeing some good shows. Ask Fatty and Curley.

But somehow Willie, Fatty, and Ashton don't seem to have the hankering to go to Port Arthur that they used to have. We wonder why?

### INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

When the prizes are awarded for the Interscholastic League activities, how often will Nederland appear? The answer to this question rests alone in the hands of the student body.

The success of the entries of our school will depend entirely upon the preparation made by our representatives. How well they are prepared will depend largely upon competition; for, as you know, it is only human that one will do his best when he has competition. The number of competitors will depend upon the willingness of the students to do some hard work. Students should realize that they are doing themselves, as well as their school and community, a great benefit by becoming participants.

If we show the right spirit of cooperation and willingness to work, we should be able to make an excellent showing at the County Meet.

Come on, gang, let's all get into at least one of these activities and bring all the honors back to Nederland! What do you say?

### THE ORIGIN OF VALENTINE CELEBRATIONS

The custom of sending Valentines can be traced back to the Ancient Romans. Every year on February 15, the feast of the Lupercalia is held in honor of the god Pan. The names of all the virgin daughters of Rome were put in a box, and each young man drew a name out. Each youth was bound to offer a gift to the maiden whose name he drew and also make her his partner during the time of the feast. This custom became allied with the name of St. Valentine by coincidence in dates. St. Valentine was bishop of Rome during the Third Century. He was very successful in converting the pagan Romans to Christianity. The Emperor was very much displeased with him and had him killed. When the Saint came to be placed on the calendar, his name was given the date of his death, February 14th. They combined St. Valentine's Day and the feast of the Lupercalia and called the little gifts and cards sent on this day Valentines.

I have always liked very much the Spaniard who was partial to cherries and who put on spectacles to eat them in order that they might look bigger.

What keeps a man small is the habit of looking for easy things.

-Purnington

## TRAGEDY OF "THE LOG CABIN LADY"

Oh, here comes a girl to get me-----

This is three days later, but I'll tell you what has happened. The girl that took me put me in her hat box, which was terribly stuffy and crowded, and not at all a pleasant place. I remembered how I used to sit in the shelf and watch all the students that came to the library. I don't like to have my pages turned, for I think that it must hurt the little people that live in them. And, then, the person who wrote me wouldn't like to have his services marred by the dirty old marks that some people insist on putting on me.

Sometimes I felt sorry for the little book next to me on the shelf, for no one ever uses it, and surely it is sent for some service, and I think it is so much fun visiting the houses of the different students, and I'd like for that book to go, too. However, I sometimes envy it of its clean pages and unsoiled covers.

I don't know just what happened while I was in that box, but I think I must have been riding. When I was taken out of the box I found myself in the hands of a strange woman. From the conversation between her and a man in the room I learned that the man had stolen the hat box from the girl's car and had taken it home. And to think what a nice time I might have had visiting in the girl's home during the holidays!

The lady took all the pretty clothes out of the box and threw me in the waste basket, and I heard her tell the janitor to burn the trash in the basket. I guess I don't mind being burned, though, for I am getting pretty old and worn out. I have done a lot of service, but I wish I might have done more. I know that children that used me will miss me, and I will miss them terribly.

## THE SPARROW SAYS

"Sammy Sparrow, if all the students from Nederland High School are like the ones I saw the other day when I flew in a window during class, I really can't imagine what will become of the school.

"When the students came into the class room, one of them-- I learned later that his name is Willie-- put an enormous tack in another boy's seat. I think they call the boy "Fatty"; at least, they should. Well, he came in, and he sat right on top of that tack. He was so mad! Pretty soon he decided that Willie was the one who did the dirty work; then he got out a miniature "nigger shooter" and shot a spit ball that hit Willie right on the ear. You could hear the sound all over the room. Mrs. Linson looked up to see what was the matter, but Fatty, the brute, was studying industriously(?).

"Then "Milk" calmly extracted a straight pin from the back of Nellie Bell's dress; and when Curley reached over to pick up his pencil, "Milk" gave a vigorous thrust with his pin.

"I'll tell you, Sammy, I wouldn't want to go to that school if all the students are like the ones I saw that day."

## THE SUCCESS FAMILY

The father of Success in work.  
The mother of Success is ambition.

The oldest son is Common Sense.

Some of the other boys are: Perseverance, Honesty, Thoroughness, Cooperation, Foresight, and Enthusiasm.

The oldest daughter is Character.

Some of the sisters are: Cheerfulness, Loyalty, Courtesy, Care, Economy, Sincerity, Harmony

The baby is Opportunity.

Get acquainted with the "old man" and you'll be able to get along with the family.

--London Opinion.



### Coach Konecny Says:

The football prospects for next year will be very good with Sanderson, Daigle, Peveto, Mouton, McBurnett, Theriot, and Ware back as a nucleus.

The basketball team will be weakened next year by the graduation of Creswell and Smith.

This year's basketball team was a great first half club; but oh, that second half!

Right now it looks as if we are going to have a very strong baseball team which should stand high in the district.

Boxing is becoming a very popular sport in this section. Quite a few of the larger boys have meets. Nederland is due to produce her share this year.

Tennis and handball are a very much overlooked sport in this school.

The Wildcats have the best little club in this County; my prediction is that they will win the County Meet this Spring.

Watch those sophomores on the junior team; and those sub-juniors. Their playing would do credit to some senior high schools. They have the desire and spirit to play. Just watch for their names in the basket column in a year or two.

Did you believe that--Houston will win the Texas League pennant next year-- No one will equal the record of Colgate next year--Texas

will win the Southwest Conference Championship in football-- Notre Dame will lose three games next year-- Primo Carnero will whip Sharkey-- Nederland within the next five years, will have the greatest athletic teams in the history of the school-- Jimmy Fox will hit 65 home runs this season-- Campbell will break his own record?

### COUNTY MEET

The Jefferson County Interscholastic Basketball meet for the boys and girls' division will be held at South Park, March 3 and 4. The three divisions for girls are: Seniors, High School Juniors, and Ward School Juniors; the two divisions for boys are: High School Juniors and Ward School Juniors.

The county field and track meet for Class A and B schools will be held at South Park, March 24 and 25. Tennis, on March 17 and 18.

The final meet for Senior Girls Volley Ball, High School Junior Boys and Girls Playground Ball, Ward School Boys and Girls Playground ball; High School Juniors and Ward School Track will be held at South Park, May 5 and 6. All first place winners will receive 15 points, second place winners 10 and third 5.

### CLASS B COMPETE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The play-off for the Class B championship was held in the Nederland High School gymnasium, Saturday morning, February 11. Three teams participated in this event: Nome, China, and Sabine Pass.

In the first game, Nome eliminated Sabine Pass by a score of 40 - 7; but in the second game China succeeded in nosing out Nome by a large margin of 55-17.

The playing was fair, clean, and fast.



## OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE

Fourteen boys have expressed their intention of going to the Southeast Texas Older Boys' Conference in Austin, the 24, 25, and 26 of February. All the talk of "going to Austin" that you have been hearing is concerning this conference. So far, three cars are going, and the Nederland delegation is expected to have the highest percentage per person population of any other town. This gives us good reason to believe we shall bring back the banner offered each year for the club having the largest delegation per person from any town or city. To get this banner, the club must also be first in sending in registration fees. All this, the Nederland club has done.

The Older Boys' Conference is held every year for boys from 14 to 21 years of age. The theme of the conference concerns some vital question in which boys in general are interested. This year the question is "How Can Youth Find His Life's Work After High School Years?" Many good speakers give talks and the boys themselves discuss the question and related questions. In the discussion group boys get much to enlighten and inspire them.

The following boys have sent in registration fees: Alfred Passler, Wilber Griffin, Oren Harrington, Frank Howell, James Koolemay, J. C. Kelly, Jr., James Nagle, Dennis Peveto, Earl Wiegmann, Vurrell Yentzen, Maloy Mills, James Morgan, and Willie Creswell. Mr. H. D. Keeling will accompany the boys on their trip.

## ASSEMBLY SPEECH

Last Thursday, February 11, Mr. H. T. Dinsmore, formerly of the 89th Division of A.E.F., made a very interesting talk in the auditorium at the chapel period. He gave a brief talk on his experience while in training camp and as a soldier during the World War. It was interesting to everyone, especially the history students.

He showed us the type of gas mask used during the War and how it operated. He showed the flags of twenty-two allied countries, and particularly did he emphasize their cooperation during those trying years.

Mr. Adams' home room won a picture for having the best paid attendance at the program.

The Senior Class are happy to welcome Carmen Holoman of Sherman to their class.

Who is the most popular teacher? From the display of attractive valentines on Miss Earle's desk, it must be she.

In an effort to replenish their class treasury, the seniors entered a contest to secure subscriptions for the Curtis Publishing Company periodicals. James Smith secured the largest number of subscriptions.

We are glad to have Mary Louise Perryman back after a two weeks' absence on account of illness.

Last Friday evening, February 10, the Basketball girls were enroute to Beaumont to play a return game with the French High School girls.

The night was dark and rainy, but it did not dampen the spirits of the girls-- they were all singing and talking when suddenly every one pitched forward! But don't get excited; no one was hurt. We had only bumped into the back of a (continued on page seven)-



Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Floyd were host and hostess at an ice cream supper which was given at their home in honor of the basketball girls January 27, 1933.

Velma Rae Yentzen entertained the J. T. Club last Saturday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Yentzen. The color scheme carried out was red and white--signifying Valentine. Dancing was the main feature of the evening. Dainty refreshments of heart shaped cookies, hot chocolate and candy valentines were served to the following: Misses Marie Rienstra, Evelyn Luke, Frances Goodwin, Glyndora McCauley, Bobbie Williamson, Ouida Eldridge, LaVerna Eaves, and Velma Rae Yentzen, Messrs. John Goodwin, Darold Black, Vurrel Yentzen, Clifton Eaves, Leonard Manning, A. V. Hamilton, Warren Singleton, Dennis Peveto, and Sanford Kelly.

The Alumni Association are sponsoring a dance held at the Miriam Widman Hall, Park and Austin Street February 25. The Musical Ambassadors will furnish the music for the evening.

Rosa Lee Snider entertained a group of friends in her home Tuesday evening. Dancing and games were enjoyed by everyone. Those attending were: Nell McMorris, Roberta Smith, Helen Leatherwood, Juanita Gregory, Mary Ellen Cobb, Lavona Harrison, Minnie Lee and May Dick of Warren, Texas. James Smith and Theo Smith, Robert Bodemuller, Charles Gore, Edgar Parker, ... P. Mills, Maloy Mills, Wayne Gibson, Lawrence Radcliffe, Dalton Shearer, and Oree Weeks.

#### KIDNAPED

The old, old, story of the Indian dashing onto camp, grabbing up little Paleface, throwing her across the horse and galloping madly off, has been turned around.

The scene is laid in an Indian encampment, fenced in by oil rigs. How placid and serene the day is! But hark, the roar of a motor is heard. A gleaming black monster with two eyes that gleam in the sunlight snorts to a stop. A beautiful paleface woman leaps out of the car, grabs up Chief Bloody-Thunder, jumps into the machine, and dashes away to the northward.

Little Moonflower, after gazing wildly at the scene, dashes into a wigwam and runs sobbing to Squaw Bloody-Thunder.

(To be continued in the Sophomore edition.)

#### BONERS

Silas Marner has athletic fits.

There are two parts to a sentence: the subject and the predicament.

A nervous system is caused by drinking too much strong coffee, and using too much tobacco.

The president may be removed from office by assassination.

Hepzibah had an old chandelier hanging from the ceiling.

Emerson wrote the "Concord Hymn".

One effect of the Crusades was that they started railroads.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

A skeleton is a man with his inside out and his outside off.

In Christianity a man may have only one wife. That is called monotony.

NEWS

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wagon. There was a smothered scream, a few stifled sobs, and then all was calm again.

The game with French was postponed, and we trust that we get there next time without any trouble.

The Spanish Department will present its annual program soon after the County Meet. Miss Press is working with a part of the cast now on a particularly difficult dance. The result, as usual, will be a highly entertaining and interesting program.

Other entertainments will follow the Spanish program this Spring. There will be a Senior play and a Glee Club operetta. The basketball boys are also "threatening" to put on a play.

GIRLS' SPORT NEWS

(Continued from page 4)

The Wildcats were defeated in a hard fought game, February 14, at Port Neches. This was tough luck.

The team has three more games, one of which is a Junior-Senior game. The other two are to be played with the Faculty of Nederland and the Y.W.C.A. of Beaumont.

The Junior-Senior game will be played sometime next week. All interested in playing, listen for practice announcements. And all other members of these two classes help us advertise the game.

The game with the Y.W.C.A. is to be played Friday, Feb. 24th., in the Nederland gymnasium.

The date of the Wildcat-Faculty game has not yet been decided.

The County Meet is to be held March 3-4 at South Park. Six or eight teams, one of which will

be the Wildcats, are expected to enter.

HERE AND THERE

Have you thought about what you'll do when school days are over? There are still places for you if you have imagination and resourcefulness.

A lady in Hollywood raises spiders and rents them to the movies. When a scene calls for an old cellar or a haunted house, the spiders are put to work, and in a few days there are webs all over the place for the hero to grope his way through.

Another woman, living in New York, is a professional trunk packer. Many tourists dislike packing trunks and bags, and this young woman calls at the best hotels and does the work for them.

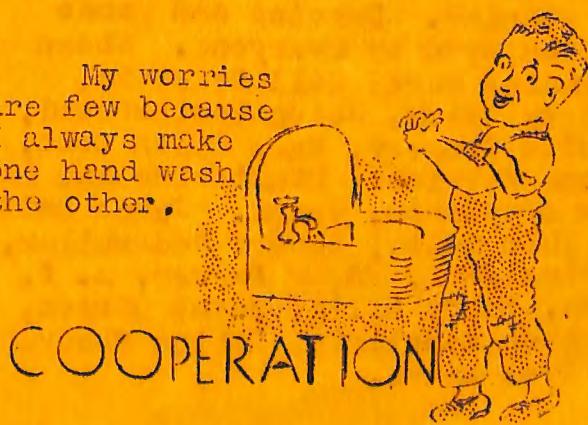
Another girl makes a living doing parachute jumps for the pictures. She gets \$500 a jump. So far as we are concerned she is welcome to it.

Then, there is a lady who runs an alligator farm, also for the movie work.

In Cleveland there is a woman who "breaks in" shoes for the idle rich. She gets a dollar a pair for wearing them until they are comfortable.

Still another woman makes a good living running a bird hospital in Pasadena.

My worries are few because I always make one hand wash the other.





## PLAIN AND FANCY GEOMETRY

A plain figure is a freshman.  
A senior is the limit.  
Two boys walking with the same girl are either equal or complimentary.

Rivals are every where equally distant.

To prove: The conduct of the pupil varies inversely as the square of the distance from the pupil to the teacher.

## MODERN FASHIONS

Said Mr. Wilson to his partner while golfing: "Just look at that girl dressed like a man. What are her parents thinking of, anyway? I think it's disgraceful."

"That, sir, is my daughter," replied the partner.

"I beg your pardon, I didn't know you were her father," was Mr. Wilson's apologetic reply.

"I'm not, I'm her mother."  
Mr. Wilson wilted.

Mrs. Linson: "Marie, who wrote Independence Bell?"

Marie: "Author unknown."

Mrs. Linson: "Arthur who?"

Mr. Konecny: "Say, Pink, guess what one of the boys said Friday night."

Miss Pinkerton: "I give up."

Mr. Konecny: "He said that he thought those planks and that barrel lying by the road were bodies."

Miss Pinkerton: "Yeah, and I guess he thought the barrel was me."

Leonard: "But, Glyndora, my ancestors came over on the Mayflower."

Glyndora: "It's lucky for them that they did. The immigration laws are much stricter now."

Mayo: "What's the difference between a cat and a comma?"

Joe: "Go ahead, shoot."

Mayo: "A cat has its claws after its paws and a comma's a pause after a clause."

Lawrence: "What would you do if you saw a woman being washed out to sea?"

Russel: "I'd throw her a bar of soap to wash her back."

Mrs. Linson: "What was the significance of the knocking in Act II of Macbeth?"

Willie: "It was Duncan kicking the bucket."

Ike: "When I marry, I'm going to marry a girl that can take a joke."

Nellie Bell: "Don't worry, Ike, that's the only kind you'll ever get."

Mr. Pietzsch: "Louis, I never kissed a girl until I married your mother. Will you be able to say the same to your son?"

Louis: "I'm afraid not, dad; at least I won't be able to keep my face straight as you do."

Miss Earle: "Who can tell me what the former ruler of Russia was called?"

Class (in unison): "Czar."

Miss Earle: "Correct. And what was his wife called?"

Class: "Czarina."

Miss Earle: "Correct. And what were the Czar's children called?"

A pause-- Then a small, timid voice piped up: "Czardines?"

Assignment for Chemistry lesson: "Students will take 'Salts for tomorrow."

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