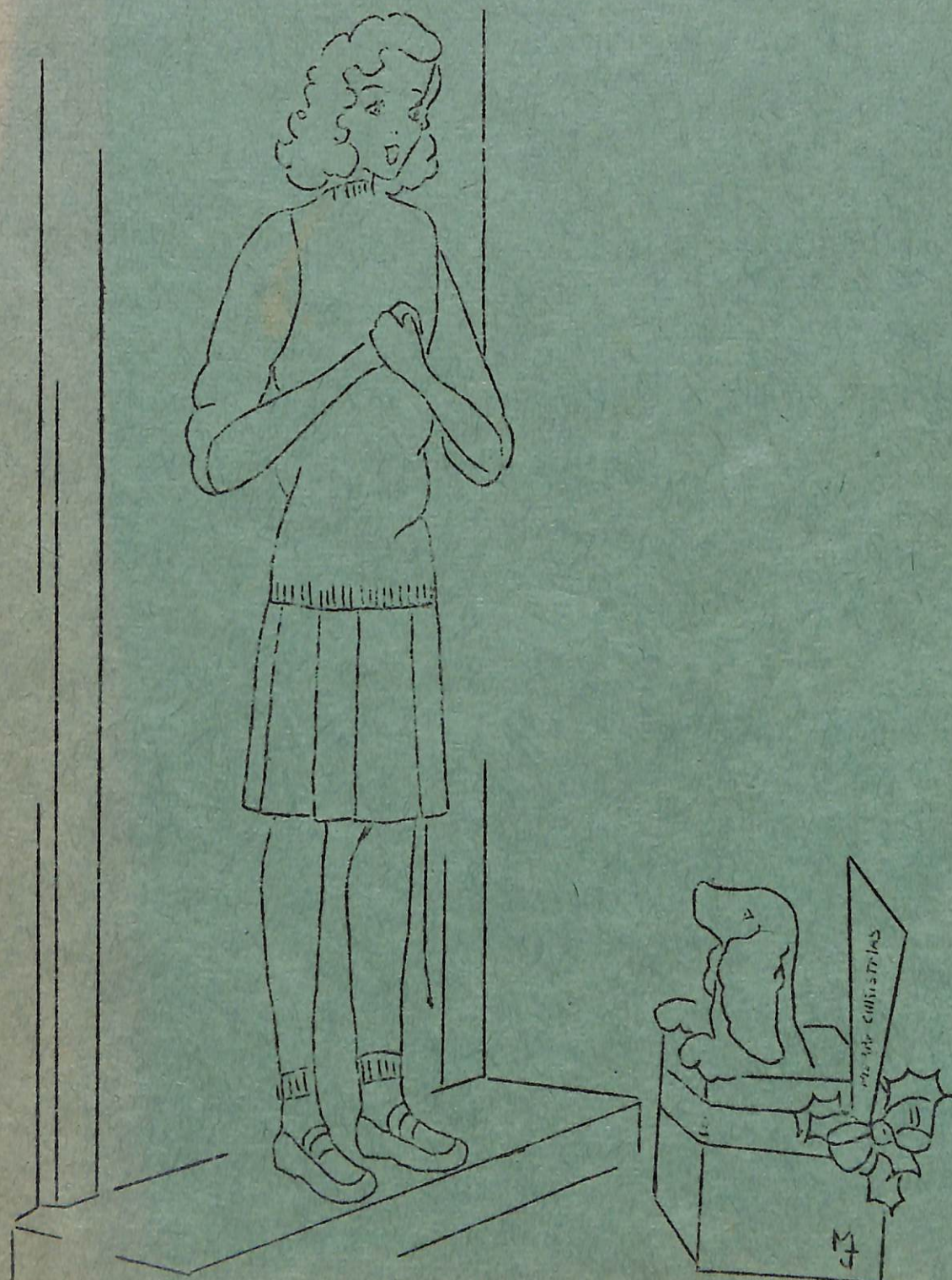


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# Editorials

## NEW PRINCIPAL

With the opening of school in September Mr. Elster C. Shortt came to Blacksburg High School as its new principal.

The staff takes pleasure in voicing for the school its appreciation of the fine work Mr. Shortt is doing for the school. Naturally there have been adjustments to be made on the part of both Mr. Shortt and the student body, but those adjustments are being made rapidly and our school program is proceeding nicely under the able guidance of Mr. Shortt.

Mr. Shortt came to Blacksburg from the University of Virginia where he was doing graduate work. Prior to last year he had served as principal of several Virginia high schools.

## STUDENT CONGRESS

In the last Tattle-Tale a list of aims and objectives of the Student Congress was published. This list will be in the next issue for the benefit of those who missed last month's issue. These are broad principles on which a representative form of student participation in school affairs will be built.

The committee, made up of home room presidents, team leaders, and club presidents, met and decided to draw up a constitution for the Student Congress immediately after the Christmas holiday. Any suggestion you have for the constitution will be gladly accepted. Remember you are a member of the student body and your opinion is worth as much as your neighbor's. If you have a suggestion, see your home

room president or president of your club. He will present your suggestion which will be considered by the committee.

The Student Congress will be for you. You will be able to express your views on various school questions and will build a better school by being a real part of it. Do not feel you are not a part of the organization just because you are not on the committee and that a small group will control the congress. This is not true. You can be a part of the organization by working through one of your representatives. After the constitution is written, it will be presented to the student body for their approval.

As things stand now, our student body is a weak and unorganized group unfit to be called a student body. If we were organized through a Student Congress, we would be capable of conferring more intelligently and effectively with the principal and faculty on problems concerning the school.

If you are interested in drawing a cover for any issue of the Tattle-Tale, turn in your suggestion, drawn on an ordinary sheet of typewriting paper, to the Art Editor before the tenth of the month for which it is intended.

THE EDITORIAL STAFF TAKES  
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH  
EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

# LITERARY

## WHITE CHRISTMAS

"While all the folks back home are singing about a "White Christmas", we're being plowed under by one so darn white that it blinds you if you stick your head out without sun glasses; but as for the Christmas part of it, a lot of fun we're going to have, stuck on this censored outpost in the wilds of Alaska without even a dog team to keep the two of us company."

"Well, Jack, the boys in Africa aren't on a picnic either."

"That's right, Steve; you find something good about it; you never fail to. The only thing I see good about it is there's no cantankerous top-sergeant to yell at us."

"Of course, Jack, I was wishing for a furlough too, but that's the army for you. I wonder when the mail-carrier is going to get here."

"Oh, trust Max and that team of his to be late just when we're dying to see what we're getting from home for this Christmas. Say, Steve, have you got any idea as to what you're going to get?"

"No, but if we don't get busy on these reports what we'll get from our commanding officers won't be Christmas presents."

"Wait a minute. Isn't that Max?"

"Yes, I guess so, but there's hardly anything on the sled."

"That's odd."

Eagerly the two men waited in silence for the dog-sled to draw within hailing distance. Max greeted them cheerily: "Hello, boys. Merry Christmas; sorry there's not a thing for you."

"Max! not a thing!"

"Nope, not a thing. Goodbye. I'll be seeing you in another month." Amazement. Finally Steve

said, "Well, the only thing I can figure out is that the ship carrying the Christmas mail has been sunk, but what on earth will we write the folks back home?"

"Well, I don't know, but I smell an Ethiopian in the woodpile. Max was very cheerful. Usually when we don't get mail, he is sadder than we are."

"That evening was Christmas Eve, and the disappointed boys lazed over their reports. There was such a quiet that it could have been dished out on plates; it was broken only by the splutter of the oil lamp and an occasional remark. Suddenly Jack jumped up and rushed to the window. Steve turned in his chair and looked at him for a minute and then asked, "That's the matter?"

"I heard a dog bark; I'm sure I did!"

"Is this place drivin' you batty? There won't be anyone through here until Max comes through again in January."

Jack's reply quivered with indignation. "I am not batty and I did hear a dog!"

"Say, there I heard it too. Well, I guess we're both hearing things. Let's get back to work."

"No, wait a minute; I saw something moving."

Steve moved to the window, showing Jack to one side and looking long and intently into the gathering dark. "Yes, you're right; I see something moving; it looks like a couple of heavy sleds with six dog teams, but what two strangers would be doing here I don't know. It looks rather suspicious. You had better get out your rifle and put out the light."

(Continued on More Literary)

# More Literature

With the light out and their guns in their hands the two took stations outside the door and watched the teams draw near. The dogs stopped in front of the cabin, and one of the men said, "Where on earth are they? Isn't this the place?"

"Hallelujah! It's Jim and Bob!" was the cry as Steve and Jack rushed forward.

"Well, well, so you two reprobrates were going to ambush us," laughed Bob.

"You certainly look enough like a pair of fugitives to throw a scare into us," reported Jack. "Unhitch your dogs and make yourselves comfortable."

When the four men were settled inside the cabin, Steve asked, "How does it happen you two are up here?"

"Well, it's not such a long story," said Jim. "We got restless at the post and couldn't have a furlough, so we got permission from the top-kick to come up here and wish you a merry Christmas and incidentally bring back these reports."

Then Steve broke in with, "Say, what is that on those sleds? You can't tell me it took two large sleds just to bring your grub and bedding."

"Well, most of that you'll just have to wait until tomorrow to find out about."

Steve and Jack looked at each other. "So that's why there was no mail and Max looked so pleased with himself."

"Well", said Bob, "I guess there are a couple of things that won't bear concealing until tomorrow.

For one thing, we knew you didn't have the proper holiday grub; so we brought along a turkey and all the trimmings that would stand the trip.

As the exclamations over this died down, Jim slipped back into the room with a gray-brown furry puppy under each arm, remarking, "The boys figured that seeing as how it was rather lonesome up here, you might take them off our hands."

"Take them off your hands," the boys cried. "Try and leave here with them."

"And there is practically a sled load of presents to be opened in the morning," said Bob.

That night Steve rolled over and said to Jack, "Are you still crouching about this Christmas?"

"Heck no, this is the best Christmas I could have without going for it."

Jean McCormick, '45

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## AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Someone's Christmas will be merry  
While others' will be sad;  
Can't we share our Christmas

With goodies

With others and make them glad?

Old Santa will visit many homes,  
Leaving all hearts glad and gay,  
But the ones I'm thinking of  
Will have no Glad Christmas Day.

(Continued on "Still More Literature")

# Still More Literature

(Continued from "More Literature")

Some homes are so very poor  
They can't buy food to eat.  
Can't we share with the poor and  
lonely  
And make their Christmas Day sweet?

Fill baskets with cookies and  
candies  
All laden with games, books and  
toys:  
Let's share with the less fortunate,  
The dear little girls and boys.

And tell the sweet Christmas Story  
How Jesus in a manger lay,  
His coming has given us life  
And the joy of a glad Christmas  
Day.

Jewel Dickerson, '46

## NOTE:

Any poems turned in for the  
Literary page are not altered or  
changed in any way before being  
put in the Tattle-Tale.

## THE GREATEST GIFT

The sweetest song ever sung,  
The angels sang to announce a birth  
To shepherds on Judean hills,  
Bringing good tidings to all the  
earth.

"Glory to God in the highest,"  
Rang out from the starlit sky,  
"Peace on earth, good will to men,"  
But may I ask just why?

"Because a child is born," declared  
the angels,

"To be a King of great renown."

"Where shall we find him?" the  
shepherds asked

"In Bethlehem's meek, little town."

Wise men came bringing precious  
gifts

To the Christ child, from afar,  
They were guided to the manger  
By a beautiful and radiant star.

They bowed their heads and wor-  
shipped,  
Filled with praise, their hearts  
did sing,  
Joyfully returning to their own  
country

To tell of the long promised King.

Mayme Katherine McCoy - '43

## STORIES OF THE CAROLS

### Silent Night

On the day before Christmas, in  
the nineteenth century, it was  
discovered that the organ at the  
church at Oberndorf had broken  
down. Oberndorf was a small vill-  
age in the mountains of Bavaria.  
The Bavarian people were strong  
Catholics and celebrated Christmas  
in a very elaborate fashion. When  
the organist found that there  
could be no music, he went to  
Josef Mohr and suggested that he  
write a special song for the mor-  
row's festivities. That same af-  
ternoon Mohr wrote Silent Night.  
On Christmas Morning 1818, it was  
sung for the first time.

### Joy to the World

This carol is a paraphrase of  
the ninety-eighth Psalm. The words  
were written by Isaac Watts, and  
the music is taken from Handel's  
"Messiah."

### It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Both the words and the music  
of this carol came from the United  
States, and were written by a min-  
ister. (Cont. on "School News")



# SCHOOL NEWS

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## HONOR ROLL FOR SECOND TERM

The following pupils whose names appear on the honor roll have made at least one A and no grade, lower than B on the second term work. Beginning with the third term, it will be necessary to earn a grade of A or B on physical fitness also in order to be eligible for the honor roll.

### SENIORS

Juanita Albert; Alice Alls; Elizabeth Apperson; Virginia Cook; Marcheta Cunningham; Winifred Edwards; David Eubank; Betty Jo Martin; Clarice McCoy; Mayme McCoy; Robert McNeil; Anne Merritt; Adele Morris; Jack Myers; Susan Pascoe; Mary Pharis; Elsie Shifflet;

### JUNIORS

Rowena Albert; Lucille Castlemen; Ronny Dietrick; Elizabeth Dove; Anne Elcan; Tom Hutcheson; Melba Jones; Nancy McCoy; Mary Jean Montgomery; Charles Moore; Ruble Mullins; Harold Vedova; Louise Wilson; "Penny" Whitsett; Juanita Wright

### SOPHOMORES

Richard Adams; Daphna Albert; Jane Doss; Jack Flannagan; Leverley Hunter; Edward Macherly; Jean McCormack; Almeta McCoy; Joyce McCoy; Betty Cliver; Elliott Phares; Mary Helen Reeves; Carlyle Simmons

### FRESHMEN

Frank Ball; Barbara Dunker; Bobby Chestnutt; Marian Crouch; Elsie Dove; Curtis Gray; Charlotte Harris; Anne Herring; Annie Jennelle; Virginia Landrum; Randalpa Lucas; Fred Morris; Mary Pettinger;

Margret Price; Tommy Rutledge; Thomas Smith

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## FRESHMAN DANCE

A dance was held for all freshmen in the armory on Saturday night, December 5, at seven-thirty o'clock with music furnished by a pickup.

The Christmas decorations were very attractive. Games were provided for those who did not wish to dance.

About thirty-five people were present, including chaperones. Everyone had a good time. The intermission was at nine-thirty o'clock, at which time refreshments were served.

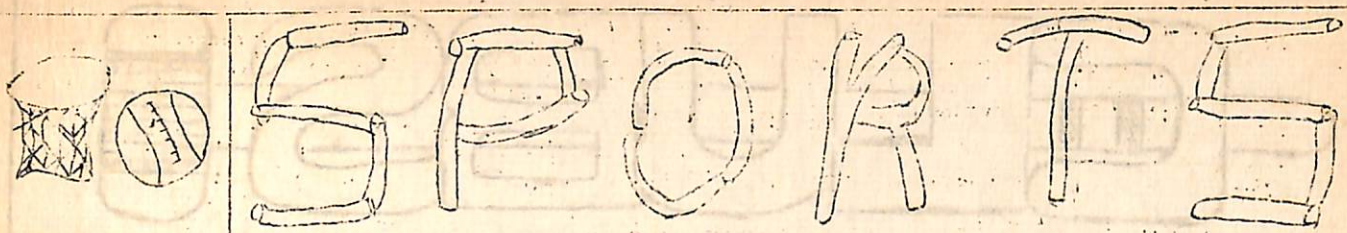
This dance was sponsored by the dance committee composed of: Mrs. Smithey, June McDonald, Helen Connelly, Alta Cunningham, Curtis Paine, Randolph Lucas, Warren Johnson, and Donald Battelene. Everyone appreciated Mrs. Smithey's supervision of a wonderful dance.

Warren Johnson, '46

(Cont. ~~from~~ "Still More Little Songs"  
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

This is an English carol. The words are by Charles Wesley, and the music by the great composer Mendelssohn. It was written in 1840.

--Mayme Katherine McCoy



# SPORTS

## BLACKSBURG DEFEATS RINER

On Friday, December 4, the Blacksburg quintet, playing an entirely defensive game, defeated a smart Riner cage team by a score of 27 to 24. Outstanding ball was played by Gray and Harman for Blacksburg who were high scorers for B.H.S. with eleven and ten points respectively, while Johnson was outstanding for Riner with twenty points, being high man for the game. The starting five were: Capt. Gray, Harman, Tilson, Albert and Ellison. The team is being coached by Cadets Burns and Gibson.

## BLACKSBURG GIRLS PLAY OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE GAME TO WIN CUP

The girls' team, showing very strong offensive play, also won their opener by a score of 44 to 20. High scorer for the game was Capt. Louise Snapp who played outstanding ball. However, the whole team played good ball as can be seen by the wide margin of the score. The starting team for the girls was Carrick, Dishner, and Whitsett as guards, and Capt. Snapp, Hodge, and Alls forwards. These girls are being coached by Mrs. Virginia L. Nelson.

## BOYS START PRACTICE

Several weeks ago the boys started practice with but two lettermen on the squad. These were Bruce Gray and Ed Ellison. Other boys reporting for practice were: Jack Albert, Sumner Tilson, Harrison Harman, Bill Martin, Tom Crosclose, Jimmy Clover, Jimmy Pratt, Bruce Scaggs, Bill Dobbins, Bill Vaught, and Charles Payne. These boys are being coached by Cadets Burns and Gibson, who are doing a fine job

and to whom we owe our thanks. Although the members of the team are inexperienced, they may be expected to be in there doing their best. The managers are Buford Blain and Tom Hutcheson.

## BLACKSBURG ROLLS OVER NEWPORT 53 to 4

Blacksburg, led by Captain Bruce Gray, walloped the Newport quintet for their second straight victory on December 11. High scorers for the game were Bruce Gray and Jack Albert with 20 and 15 points respectively. The game was Blacksburg's all the way as can easily be seen by the score. Outstanding for Newport was Givens, who scored two points and led his team in floor play.

## NEWPORT'S DEFEAT IS SECOND WIN for GIRLS

The strong Blacksburg girls' sextet out-scored and out played the Newport girls to win by a score of 35 to 13. Blacksburg was led by Captain Snapp, and Alice Alls. Outstanding on the Newport team was Miss Williams.

## NEWPORT PLAYS WITHOUT COACH

We would like to state that the Newport teams are playing without a coach. They should be commended for this, and we wish them much luck.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS PLAY TOWN GIRLS

Wednesday night the Blacksburg High School girls' basketball team played the Town Team and tied them 23 to 23 in a very exciting game.

Mr. Ellison refereed the game free of charge, and the entire proceeds were turned over to the Athletic Fund. The high school wishes to thank Mr. Ellison.



# CLUBS

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## BETA CLUB

The Beta Club has made plans to take the new members into the club by the regular tapping service on December 15, at the assembly period. Thirteen new members will be initiated at this meeting.

## LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club had its initiation on Tuesday, December 1. Fourteen new members were taken into the club. The next meeting will be a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 15.

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## BOYS HI-Y

The Boys Hi-Y Club had Dr. Wood come over to talk to the students of E. H. S. Dr. Wood is a specialist on Marriage and Home Relations. Later Dr. Wood lectured to the combined Hi-Y clubs on "Relationship between Boys and Girls". Both talks were interesting and full of sound advice for us. The Boys' Hi-Y is doing outstanding work this year.

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## COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club had its first meeting on December 1. A committee was selected to nominate candidates for the club's officers. The next meeting will be held on December 18, at which time officers will be elected. Instead of the regular names of officers, the Commercial Club had decided to select terms applying to the typewriter. The officers will be: Key, Shift Key, Bell, Cylinder.

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## SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club held its first meeting on October 13, 1942, at which time the following officers were elected:

President - Sam Wingard  
Vice-Pres. - Milford Copenhaver  
Secretary - Jack Albert  
Treasurer - Sumner Tilson  
Reporter - Jean McCormack  
Sponsor - Mrs. McClinton

Several chemical experiments were made by the pupils at the second meeting on October 27; and at the third meeting on November 10, Mrs. McClinton demonstrated some very interesting experiments.

On November 20, the club discussed the Science Digest and the advisability of subscribing to it; the decision was with held until a later date.

During the fifth meeting individual scientific research was conducted; and as the sixth meeting progressed, several reports were given on high explosives and gas masks.

The club was called to order for the seventh meeting, at which time Mrs. McClinton gave an excellent report on her visit to a chromite mine; and the class discussed chromium in relation to the war effort.

The Science Club is progressing nicely and wishes each and everyone a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

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Most of our clubs are having Christmas parties at their meetings December 18. Here's wishing everybody a MERRY CHRISTMAS!



# JOKES



An old car drove up to a toll bridge. The gate man said: "Fift cents, please." The driver replied: "Sold!"

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Mrs. Brown: "That chicken you sold me yesterday must have been hatched in an incubator."

Butcher: "How's that?"  
Mrs. Brown: "No chicken that ever knew a mother's tender care could ever grow up as tough as that!"

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Dad: "Is there anything worse than to be old and bent?"

Son: "Oh yes, father--to be young and broke!"

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Teacher: "Tommy, why is your composition on milk only half a page long when I asked for two pages?"

Tommy: "Well you see, I wrote about condensed milk!"



WHERE IGNORANCE IS  
BLISS IS

Visitor: "And what's your name, my good man?"

Prisoner: "9668."

Visitor: "But that's not your real name!"

Prisoner: "Now, it's just my pen name!"

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Joc: "Why the toothbrush on your lapel?"

Jack: "That's my class pin; I was graduated from Colgate!"

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Two patients were waiting in a doctor's office. In an effort to make conversation, one said: "I'm suffering from neuritis."

The second patient said: "How do you do? I'm Thompson from Chicago!"

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Ted: "How come Sue broke your engagement?"

Ed: "I was trying to be helpful when I told her she had wrinkles in her nose."

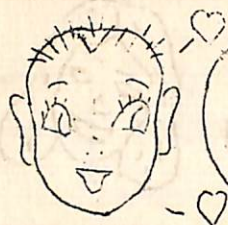
Ted: "What happened?"

Ed: "She wasn't wearing any!"

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Mabel: "Why did you break off your engagement with that good-looking Army doctor?"

Betty: "Oh, it was his terrible writing. Every time I had a letter from him I had to take it to a druggist to find out what was in it."



# CENSORED



Wonder why Suzanne Olinger is always talking about Robert Jones.

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Gene Leedy is still trying to get Jean Cothorn away from Dick Hummel. How about letting up on Dick a little and giving Gene a chance, Jean?

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What would happen if David Wilson dated Ann Merritt, or any girl, for that matter?

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Wonder if Ronnie is making any speed with Dawn Teske, or is he doing as Billy Dobbins did?

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It looks as if Holdaway is trying to break up the Clower-Callaway affair. Tough luck, Mac!

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Betty Oliver seems to have a new interest in red hair. Yes, Castleman is the name.

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Is Tom Groseclose tied up with Peggy McCoy?

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It looks as if the freshman girls are attracting the sophomore boys; for instance, S. Tilson and Charlotte Harris.

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It looks as if Penny Whittsett has scored again. This time it's Bill Martin.

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It looks as if Al Eubank has defeated a few cadets in the battle for Virginia Cook. Or does it?

Shall we chalk up a victory for Bobby McNeil?

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After Warren left, Juanita Albert was seen wearing a diamond. It must be serious.

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David Eubank seems to be seeing Elizabeth Apperson often lately.

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This seems to be the "age of uncertainty." If you don't believe it, ask Bunnie, Peggy, Betty Joe, Penny, and anyone else but Fuss and Peggy Low.

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We wonder how Dot Jennelle got into the freshman dance. Is it because she is so small? Maybe Winnie could go back to the grades.

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Are Fred Shanks and Judy McCoy starting the old couple again? It looks like it.

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What's wrong, Francis? Can't you make up your mind? First it's "Peanut Store," then it's "Blondie."

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If Josephine Whitlock is first on Bobby Price's list, wonder who's second.

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If Martha Bishop doesn't control her temper when she gets in a "good" mood, she might make a hole in the floor the next time.

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