

Seniors

Thursday, February twenty-fourth, unannounced but not entirely unexpectedly, the Seniors burst forth in all the glory of their distinctions. This year these have taken the form of silver gray sweaters with rose trimmings; and with the insignia of the Senior pins sewed on, in rose and gray felt.

That these distinctions are a decided success cannot be doubted. The student body enthusiastically applauded them; each senior wears a satisfied smile; and Prof. Wright says he wishes he had one just like them.

True, Scotty and Wilber have been heard to bemoan the fact that the sweaters lack dignity, and give the wearer a "baby carriage effect," but outside of this, there is no question; the Senior distinctions are a—wow.

All In The Dark

Silence—midnight's darkest hour could not compare with the inky blackness of that room. Sh! Here she comes! More silence. The sound of approaching footsteps—the turn of a door knob. "Turn on the light!" came the subdued whisper. "Oooh", she screamed!

Then a hearty, Rah Rah, Rah.

Rah, Rah, Rah.

Rah, Rah, Rah.

"Bowen, Bowen, Bowen!"

Yes, you've guessed it! It was nothing less than the beginning of a surprise celebration in honor of Mrs. Bowen's 60th birthday.

Nineteen enthusiastic seniors and their capital class mother, Dean Davison, had previously gathered in the parlor of Mrs. Bowen's residence, which was appropriately decorated in the Senior Class colors, gold and white, to await her expected coming.

Each guest heartily enjoyed the evening and many original and interesting features whiled away the hours until a beautiful and delicious birthday cake, a product of Mrs. I. R. Lupton, appeared, accompanied by good-sized portions of ice cream which naturally contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening.

In closing, a very fitting talk was given by the President of the class, Alfred Kreckman, and a gift in the form of an electric hot plate was presented to help show our love and appreciation to our worthy principal, Mrs. Bowen.

Athenian

A rather unique program, in the form of an inaugural service, was presented before the Athenian Literary Society Monday evening. The officers of the past semester and those now holding office were seated upon the rostrum making quite a handsome display. Miss Roth ernel acted as chairman, while Andrew French the Sergeant-at-arms played an important part.

After President Brown had taken his oath of office, the retiring President, William Sallburg presented his Farewell Address, in which he had inserted much fatherly advice. Our new "father" then took the floor and, enthusiastically received by his "children", delivered his inaugural.

This solemn service over, two vocal duets were rendered: one, "Kind Words Can Never Die," by Martha Dyer and Faith McKinney and the other, "Pal of My Dreams," by Ralph Jones and Hollis Stevenson.

A word to our new President: The Athenians back of you, Mr. Brown, are wishing you all kinds of success.

There are five ways to quench fire: Failing to put on wood-failing to pray and to read the Bible; pouring on water-unkind and unchristian conversation about others; putting on earth-the trash of this world, fashion, folly, and nonsense; letting it become choked in its own ashes-settling down to enjoy an experience of forty years ago; and kicking the embers apart.

Rev. C. V. Fairbairn

Purple Wins First Games of Annual Series

Before a medium-sized crowd in Bedford Gymnasium, Wednesday evening, the Purple and Gold arrayed their respective teams in a combat of skill to determine which should take the laurels in the first annual classic of the year.

PURPLE-CLAD MEN TAKE OPENING GAME 40-28

Replete in the splendor of new suits, the Purple and Gold boys trotted on the floor Wednesday night to the cheers and plaudits of the crowd. The Gold boys were led by their mascot, Malcolm Cronk, a future prospect for the Gold team.

The Purple quintet held two new faces in the opening line-up and three others on the bench, while the Gold men had to recruit three men, only two members remaining from last year's championship team, with two of the three bench-warmers also new recruits. Howland Mosher and Neal were the new boys on whom Gold supporters pinned their hope to see a duplication of the performance of last year when the Gold won four straight games. The Purple boys, smarting under the defeat of the 1926 series, were not overconfident, but, as they showed in their faces, evinced a grim determination to prove their ability in an unmistakable fashion.

Referee Baker started the game by blowing a great gust of hot air into the whistle. It sounded, the game was on, and very shortly the veteran and hero of many hard fought games, "Pete" Steese, caged the first field goal of the game. From that time on the game was nip and tuck with the score, at the end of the first half standing 16-12, Gold trailing.

In the third quarter Howland and Neal of the Gold, and Scott of the Purple were automatically put out on account of fouls, and as Howland their captain and star forward, left the game, the Gold seemingly lost hope and the Purple scoring machine started functioning almost perfectly. Before the Gold boys knew what had happened, the score had been more than doubled on them. In the fourth quarter the Gold balked at the continual scoring of their opponents, and due perhaps to this new determination not to let the Purple overwhelm them completely and also due to a let-down in the Purple defense, the Gold showed an improvement and outplayed their adversaries in the final minutes of the game. The lead was to heavy, however, and the game ended with the Purple on the long end of 40-28 score.

By winning the opening game the Purple succeeded in doing that which, to the writer's knowledge, they never accomplished before.

SUMMARY

Gold (28)	FG	FP	TP
Roth F	2	4	8
Howland F	4	1	9
Mix F	1	2	4
Mosher C	1	2	4
Neal G	0	0	0
Ackerman G	0	0	0
Dyer G	1	1	3
Total	9	10	28
Purple (40)	FG	FP	TP
Fox F	3	2	8
P. Steese F	5	2	12
Scott C	1	1	3
Kingsbury C	1	0	2
Albro G	7	1	15
Kemp G	0	0	0
Total	17	6	40

If the Lord leads you to do personal work, and tells you to say five words, don't say six.

Rev. J. R. Pitt

When you talk about prayer, you think of God's coming down to you; the Bible talks about your being raised up into the heavenlies with Christ.

Rev. J. R. Pitt

PURPLE GIRLS WIN BY CLOSE SCORE

The respective teams were lead onto the floor by their mascots; the Purple following the footsteps of a large police dog led by Billie Crandall; while the Gold followed their mascot of former days, Gwendolyn Fancher. The opposing squads were gayly clad in bright purple and gold uniforms, and the tension of the players was keenly felt as the time for the opening whistle drew near.

The Gold team, victorious in every contest until last year and at that time defeated in four straight games, were out for revenge, and strengthened by Anderson, are strong contenders for the championship.

On the other hand, the Purple squad having lost their star forward, Jean Eldridge, by graduation, was expected to be somewhat weakened. However, English ably proved her ability to fill the gap, by caging six field goals out of nine for her team.

At the end of the first half, it almost appeared to be a Purple victory as the score stood 11-5. In the third quarter, the Gold proved their ability to come from behind and at the end of the third quarter the Purple led by only three points. In the fourth quarter, the Gold came to even terms and then forged ahead by two points. But during the final two minutes of play, English was successful in two attempts from the foul line, thus tying the score. Just before the final whistle, she showed an accurate eye by caging one from quarter court which put the game on ice for the Purple. The final score was 22-20.

SUMMARY

Gold (20)	FG	FP	TP
Dibble F	4	1	9
Albro F	2	2	6
Anderson C	1	0	2
Molyneux G	0	0	0
Cole G	1	1	3
Total	8	4	20
Purple (22)	FG	FP	TP
Dyer F	1	0	2
English F	6	3	15
Folger G	0	0	0
Driscoll C	2	1	5
Mattoon G	0	0	0
Total	9	4	22

Pike High School Wins Again Gain League Title

Pike High School defeated Bliss here Saturday evening 18-9, consequently gaining the championship of the junior circuit of Wyoming County and claiming the right to meet Warsaw at Perry for the county championship Saturday evening of this week.

Bliss sank the first two-pointer of the game for the Bliss team in the first minute of play but Pike came right back to tie the score. Cain, Albro, and Dunning were forming an offense that the Bliss team found difficult to cope with. Despite this the score which read 12-5 in favor of Pike at the close of the half would have been much closer had the Bliss team been able to sink its free throws. The Bliss captain in particular had terrible luck on his foul tries. On the other hand "Pete" Albro, the Pike captain, seemed unable to miss the hoop. He sank all of his free throws and gained enough field goals to make him high point for the evening.

Little scoring was done in the final half due to tight defensive work. Indifferent shooting detracted somewhat from the interest of the game. Each team however gave evidence of some good coaching.

An Englishman newly arrived in this country was taken home to dinner one night by a friend. There was corn on the table and the host, knowing that most Englishmen are not very familiar with the vegetable asked if he liked it. "Oh

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W. M. Church Announcements

Sunday School	10:00 a. m.
Class Meeting	11:00 a. m.
Morning Preaching Service	11:30 a. m.
Topic:—Holiness and the Second Coming.	
Young Peoples' Meeting	6:45 p. m.
Evening Preaching Service	7:30 p. m.
Topic:—Anti-Christ, or Christ.	
Thursday Evening Prayer Service	7:30 p. m.

"Sonship and Separation"

Rev. Pitt Emphasized Necessity of the Separate Life for God's People.

In his introductory remarks, last Sunday morning, Rev. Pitt said some very helpful things concerning God's keeping power: "If you are kept of God, you will be kept as God keeps His people from falling. We may separate ourselves from God, but no man can pluck us out of His hand. If we yield ourselves wholly to God, receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and walk in His fulness, we will be kept as fully and as truly as if the extreme doctrine of Calvinism were true. We shall never fall.

The sermon on separation was based on II Cor. 6:14-7:1. Rev. Pitt said in part

"The Holy Spirit works differently at different times, and with different people. The tactics of the devil have changed, fashions have changed and modes of thought, but in every period of the world's history, God has always led His people in the way of separation. He does not leave them to accomplish this separation unassisted. Nowhere in His Word does He require holiness of heart where he does not set forth the glorious fact that what he commands of you, He will make the separation a fact in your life.

How will the separation be affected? God says to you, brother, and to you, sister, "Come out from among them and be separate." Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit; let Him say what he wants to say, and do what He wants to do, and you can walk around with the holiest people in the world, and feel perfectly at home; neither will anybody need to follow you around, to trim you down, so that you will look like a Christian.

What will be the result of separation? The world will call you nobody; you will acknowledge the justice of the epithet, but you will realize that you have a glorious fellowship in Jesus Christ, that you are a fellow-citizen with the saints and of the household of God, and that you are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. After you have experienced the glory of a yielded life, of the Pentecostal blessing, of the keeping power of God, you would not turn back to the world again for a million worlds; what seemed like severity in God's demands you will realize was only his kindness and love, his effort to free you from sin.

The theme for the evening was "Our Estate". The scriptures read were: Rom. 8:29, 30; Eph. 2:5, 6, 19, 20; Col. 3:1-8; I John 3:1-3. An epitome of the thought follows:

We have nothing to do with the world—its ambitions, its outlook on life, its hopes, its terrors. We have been identified with Jesus Christ and our estate is in the heavenlies. The only way we can have any comprehension of what God has prepared for us is by being filled with the Spirit. These four scriptures show the normal life in Christ Jesus, together with what God has purposed for us. In view of these, our privileges, we should rid ourselves of sin.

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Man—A Universal Debtor

Through this world of love and hate the majority of men plod selfishly onward, thinking only of their individual needs, believing that those interests which are the most helpful in their professions to be the ones for which they should strive. Straight toward a selfish goal whose guiding light flickers over a huge dollar sign do they steer life's uncertain ship. Only infrequently do they consider the influences which have placed them on a plane of independence. The benignity of friends, the aid of humanity is almost forgotten; and only when they have earned a few leisure hours in which to think, only when they have reached the mount of success and rest, do they glance behind them, down over the long, long trail of difficulties interspersed with good fortune, and find there the powers which have been continually pulling them upward. Then, and only then, do they realize the great benefit that others have been to them. They understand then what a failure their lives would have resulted in had it not been for worldly co-operation and brotherly love. The old vulgar, mistaken dogma that "the world owes me a living" has entirely disappeared; and, if any spark of manhood is left within them, they determine to pay their debt.

However, man's obligation to the world does not begin when his success is assured; but it commences the moment he first sees the light of day. Why is this true? you ask. Because the universe into which he is born has been fashioned and beautified to a great extent by those who have preceded him. Of course, we must recognize the fact that God was the creator of the earth and all living things upon it; never-the-less, the children of men working as agents of the Almighty deserve immeasurable credit. To God we must first bow the head in allegiance, remembering Him as the author of all good things; to humanity we must then give thanks, considering men the channels through which prosperity is transmitted.

The extent of our worldly debt is broadened as we gaze about us at the universe at large. Notice the city park. Here is a fitting example of how people have carried out God's original idea and made economical use of the blessings which He has bestowed upon them. The ground has been leveled and seeded, trees and flowers have been planted and trimmed, and various animals have been introduced that the city man or woman might find rest and peace in nature.

Throughout the land modes of travel have been perfected. Canals, railroads and highways have been constructed which aid us materially in our communication with the world. We are invited to use them. They were made for our comfort.

We find these things immediately upon our entrance into this world. Men who have gone before us, people whose desire was for improvement, have given us these advantages, and left a huge debt for us to pay to succeeding generations. How shall we repay it? Ah! by working for the interests of mankind, by living up to the great but ill-used motto—"Others."

We are living in an age when education is being shown more and more attention. People are waking up to the fact that a knowledge of the intrinsic problems of life should be found before starting out upon one's career. The world is demanding that young men and women be taught those subjects which will act as a foundation for character, and tend to make them observing. Therefore, in answer to the people's call, colleges have been constructed at various points all over the country, that the flower of the land might receive instruction. Who built these institutions of learning? Others. Who furnished the equipment and money? Others. Who spends their time and energy teaching American students valuable bits of knowledge? Ah! we owe it all to others. The mere amount of money which we give in return for our privilege is far from sufficient. Our lives, our energy, our influence belongs to the word in payment of even this one advantage which it affords—an advantage that is inestimable in the preparation for our life's work.

When we have chosen a profession, when we have answered our call, when we have consecrated ourselves to our vocation, it is the

earth's inhabitants that support us. Without their aid, without their patronizing tendencies, our business life would be an utter failure. Through the inter-dependence of economic concerns our success is assured. Because of the desires of men and women who are willing to pay, we are able to continue along the highway which leads to prosperity. Therefore, in the hands of others rests our chance in life.

You have simply to glance around you to prove the alleged benefit of your fellow creatures. Notice the clothing upon your body. Feel of its delicate texture, observe the perfect workmanship, and consider the effort that must have been expended in order that these articles might be manufactured. Certainly, you have secured them fairly, but the purchase price cannot recompense those men who have gone on before after having fashioned the fundamental tools without which the cotton industry could not have advanced. They were the individuals who toiled for our sakes, perhaps unconsciously, but nevertheless really. Up through the ages recorded only by history, men have been perfecting machinery and bringing in new equipment into use, thus producing our present day garments as a magnificent result.

Even our homes and those domestic privileges which we enjoy, in many cases must be attributed to the foresight of other people. The lumber has been hewn by other hands; the bricks have been baked through efforts not our own; the structure has been wholly completed without the slightest struggle on our part.

What a great and almost incomparable aid the marvelous inventions of the past few centuries have been to us! It would seem almost impossible to live as our forefathers have done, without the modern conveniences that we enjoy. We would consider ourselves very miserable indeed were it necessary to lapse back into ancient customs, leaving behind the luxuries that have been ours. Yet, I wonder how often we consider the debt that we owe to the inventor of the electric light, the originator of the sewing machine, the constructor of the locomotive. How many times have we thought of what a great social inconvenience it would be if matches were an unknown quantity? The chemists who by a clever mixing of chemical compounds have produced an article which far surpasses the old style flint-stone, thereby making it possible to do away with this laborious tool, have performed a task the importance of which is so great that mere words cannot do it justice.

In every department of life men are laboring for our good. Every business enterprise, every commercial transaction, every charitable deed is indirectly aiding us. From people, thousands of whom we have never seen, we obtain sustenance, shelter, and protection. Not the least of these is protection.

In the year 1917, throughout the United States of America the thrilling call, "To arms!" was heard. It was a call that touched the heart; a call that gripped the soul, and fired the patriotism in the lives of men. The pathos of a struggling world rang in the ears of our youth, and it was not long before they heartily responded. Meetings were called in multitudes of cities and rural villages, in honor of the fighting boys. Bonfires blazed, songs were sung, and tears were shed as the flower of our land went gladly away to the numerous training camps.

In camp they were taught the rudiments of war. The stinging reprimands of superior officers were hurled at them. All the drudgery of camp life was willingly borne without complaint until they were ready to sail for foreign shores.

There an unfamiliar country greeted them in an unknown tongue. Mother, father, and home were far away beyond the sea. The stern commands of officers took the place of mother's loving words, and the cheerful songs of wild American birds were supplemented by the deep rumble of mighty guns. Scenes of war-wrecked villages and devastated lands met their eyes, filling their noble hearts with horror, and producing dreadful mental pictures of the actual conflict.

Soon they reached the trenches. In muck and mire, amid shot and shell they fought for

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Signs of the Times

Two essentials of wisdom are knowledge of fundamentals and awareness of development. So far as man is concerned or any possible human experience certain things are fixed or rooted. But out of the roots come growth. To know what is growing and in which direction it is growing, comprises the highest prudential wisdom; it is ability to read the signs of the times. Not of the times that are, but those to be. People who only try to understand the immediate times are somewhat behind the times those who know them at all began to understand them before they were. Signs of the times, then, are signs of the times to come. The signs of the times that now are, were given long ago.

What think ye then of the scriptural signs of the times?

Selected.

"The signs around—in earth and air.

Or painted on the star-lit sky,

God's faithful witnesses declare

That the coming of the Saviour draweth nigh."

The first of a series of four sermons by the Rev. David Anderson, on the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, was given Sunday evening, Feb. 27, 1927 in the W. M. Church at Fillmore.

Mr. Anderson took up the matter of prophecies fulfilled and briefly pointed to those of the first coming of Christ as a Babe in the manger of Bethlehem and their literal fulfillment, giving the Scripture reference for each point.

The speaker then dwelt upon the order of Christ's return, His coming for His Saints, when the righteous dead shall rise and with the living saints be caught up to meet Him in the air—"So shall they ever be with the Lord"—then the period of tribulation, after which the return of Christ with His Bride will take place.

Mr. Anderson stated that in this first sermon he had merely erected a frame work for a balloon structure and on the three following Sunday evenings he would endeavor to enclose, roof and paint it.

Beginning March 7, 1927, Mr. Anderson will hold a series of revival meetings at the Fillmore church for two weeks.

Lack of Insulation

Among the things which are of greatest value in the everyday life of the majority of people, electricity does not rank last by any means. It lightens labor in many ways and is a constant source of energy. But what would be the good of electricity, and of what use would be the energy stored up there if there were no wires to convey the electricity to the machines, the irons, lights, and power motors? It would be of no use at all.

A conducting wire is composed of a series of smaller wires, all attached together and held in place by insulation. This serves a great purpose. It not only keeps the smaller wires in place, but it prevents them from being the biggest nuisance in life. How great would be the danger of having a series of high power wires running through our factories and in our homes, bare of all insulation? Only those who know the power of electricity can tell.

Just such nuisances are people who lack the proper insulation. It is sad to say but there are altogether too many people who have scarcely any insulation. Terming it in other words, we might say, "They wear their hearts on their sleeves."

Perhaps you notice a pretty girl, and by her looks and actions you immediately class her as interesting. You meet her and talk to her only to find to your sudden dismay that the bright live wire lacked insulation. Jack had hurt her feelings something terrible, or Mary gave her the meanest slam. When perhaps it worked out, it was all meant perfectly all right. Jack had been joking, and Mary had meant something entirely different from her version. She is the one girl in every crowd who is always having her feelings hurt. Two friends stand conversing together; the topic is amusing in its nature, but not at all personal. Jane stands not far distant waiting for a friend. She sees the two as they talk and laugh, glancing at her

occasionally. Immediately she is hurt, thinking of course they talked and laughed about her. A friend passed her in the hall one day mumbling over a piece of paper held in his hand, without speaking. She did not speak and walked slowly to her room, wondering why he had slighted her. The act which she thought was a slight proved to have been caused by a no less weighty matter than "pseudonym" and the approaching spelling contest.

A person who lacks insulation is constantly getting his feelings hurt, and an otherwise happy girl becomes a lonely wallflower.

Vera M. Matton.

"Neosoph" News

Last Monday evening a very interesting miscellaneous program took place in the High School study hall. After the usual routine of roll call, minutes and business was dispensed with the society joined heartily in a song conducted by Margaret Ackerman with Theos Cronk as pianist. Arlene Dibble then took charge of the evenings' devotionals. The first number on the program was a humorous reading by Paul Adams concerning one of young George Washington's hither-to unknown misdeeds. The veracity of this reading is questioned, for in the end George was led into the wood shed by his indignant mother, a scandalous and unheard of thing to happen to youth-ful George. Willard Smith then read an interesting and vivid poem of prairie life following which Anna English related a laughing old southern story of a small Ethiopian urchin. Mary Perry then delighted us with a vocal solo, singing that beautiful selection, "A Heart of Gold", Nada Perry accompanying at the piano. We then had the privilege of taking "A Trip to Sweden" with Miss Elsie Chind, a native of that country. This number was educational and of high literary character as well as being entertaining. After the critic's report by Mrs. Lang and a song by the society, Monday evening's "Neosophic" was dismissed.

A number of visitors and townfolk were viewing the new swimming pool, when Rev. David Anderson made the remark, "There is only one thing I see wrong about this."

"Why, what is it, Mr. Anderson?"

"To think that a Christian school would have a 'pool room'," he replied.

MAN - A UNIVERSAL DEBTOR

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the love of their country. Side by side they died that others might live. Gloriously they repulsed the enemy. With a "never-say-die" spirit, pushed on by the remembrance of companions who had recently "gone west", our gallant lads turned defeat into victory, and proved to be one of the greatest factors in the winning of the strife. Were they fighting in self-defense? To a certain extent they were. But in a larger sense, to a degree of which we seldom think, they were fighting for you, for me. For the protection of humanity and especially American homes were they shedding their lives' blood. To them our debt is enormous; and only as we toil in the interest of mankind as a whole, only as we stand firmly back of our government by whose order they fought, can we, to any degree, repay them.

To this end then, if we are true citizens, we must strive. That our duty may be fulfilled, that our obligation to the world may be erased, we must smother the natural levity within us, and labor for the melioration of the universe. The human race is constantly pleading for help. Shall we answer their call? If we realize our debt, we shall.

Virgil Hussey.

PIKE HIGH SCHOOL WINS AGAIN TO GAIN LEAGUE TITLE

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yes," replied the visitor, apparently not wishing to appear discourteous, "I like it."

But when the platter of golden bantam was passed, he did not take any.

"Why," said the host, "I thought you said you liked corn."

"I do like it," explained the Englishman, "but I don't like it well enough to eat it."