

The Value Of Reading

In school probably half the failures are due to inability to understand the printed page. How can a boy or girl solve a problem in arithmetic or science when he can't read? A good reader is usually a good student, for he understands his text books and knows what facts are important enough to be worth learning. No one can possibly remember everything he reads, but everyone can remember the important points.

People have at least two reasons for reading: they read for fun or for information. In some reading, speed is relatively unimportant, while comprehension, the ability to get the thought from the printed page, is essential.

In reading swiftly you are usually reading for fun or for general information. It is in this manner that you read books, magazines and newspapers. Broad acquaintance with the world you live in gives you both social and business advantages, since it suggests many conversational openings which you might otherwise lack. About ninety-ninths of what intelligent people know, they get from the printed page.

Spelling Bee

The annual spelling bee will be held in chapel this year as usual. The students of the first eight grades will hold spelling bees in their home room. They will spell down to the best ten, then these ten in turn will meet the contestants from the other rooms. The one who wins in chapel will go to Harlan to compete against the contestants from other schools. The person winning in Harlan will go

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Music Dept.

In view of the fact that it is nearing time for the Glee Clubs contest at Pineville, much cooperation is needed on the part of those who intend to participate. The hope is expressed that the clubs will do as well this year as last. It is well to mention here that the boys received a rating of excellent at Pineville and superior at the State contest at Lexington, while the girls rated excellent at both contests last year.

Many people are inclined to believe that talent decreases year by year due to graduation. But talent may be built to a higher standard which is being demonstrated by Miss Hendren, our very capable music supervisor.

Those trying out for solos are as follows:

First Soprano: Dorothy Turner, Georgia Ann Morrison.

Mezzo: Louise Smith, Georgia Ann Morrison and Lula Greene.

Alto: Gloria Smith and Eunice Helton.

Tenor: Wendell Baker.

Baritone: Finley Barnett.

Bass: Fred Stout, Claude Kersey and Roger Kersey.

The male quartet number scheduled for this year is "Will You Come To The Power?" and the mixed quartet "Good Night." The girls trio will sing "Noon." The other numbers are as follows:

Boys Glee Club, "Echoes of Woodlands" and the Girls Glee Club, "I Heard a Forest Praying." The most beautiful song can be made even more beautiful when all participants have the opportunity to display their talents in a mixed chorus.

"PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

Pride and Prejudice is a humorous story as well as interesting.

Change In The School Schedule

The boys and girls in high school are about settled in our new semester in school. After finishing our first semester we are settling to a new schedule.

The seniors have moved their home room from the typing room is: home room — Miss Bolling; Psychology—Mr. Roaden; Civics—Mr. Simms; Bookkeeping — Miss Bolling, Study Hall—Miss Carroll; English—Miss Brittain and activities under different teachers.

The Juniors home room is in Mr. Goforths room. Their schedule is, girls science—Mr. Wyant and boys study hall, boys bookkeeping Miss Bolling; girls study hall, history Mr. Goforth; Geometry, Miss Bolling; activities different teachers.

The sophomore class has changed their home room to 202. Their schedule is typing, Miss Bolling; history, Mr. Goforth; girls home room; economics, Miss Sharp; boys study hall; sixth period boys have science, Mr. Wyant, and girls study hall; all the class has English under Miss Carroll.

The freshman girls home room is in 104. Half the class has home economics under Miss Sharp, the others have study hall. The third period half the girls have home economics and the others have history under Mr. Goforth, all the class has English under Miss Brittain; arithmetic, Miss Bolling; half the class has history under Mr. Simms; the others have study hall.

The freshman boys have changed their home room to 201. Their schedule is science—Mr. Wyant; math—Miss Bolling; study hall—Miss Carroll; Literature — Miss Hendren; History—Mr. Simms.

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Things People Do And Should Not

Here at Black Star High School, we have a number of things to be proud of and some of them are our new buildings, equipment, and campus. It seems as though we are not proud of them, because we mistreat them very badly.

In the administration building there are a few rooms in which some boys have tried to demonstrate their carving ability. Some of these rooms are 301, 305, 204, 206, and 304. If we can't be remembered some other way, than by defacing our school buildings, then don't try, because it only lowers us in some one else's opinion. The old adage, "That fools names and monkey faces are always found in public places," holds good even at school.

Every one likes to play ball, but please don't use the rooms for a diamond and the erasers for balls. Every place the eraser hit the wall or ceiling it leaves a dusty or dirty mark that will not come off. Besides it might injure some one else or yourself. So play ball with Mr. Roaden and try to keep the rooms as clean as possible.

There are several chairs and desks that need repairing already, so be careful not to damage any more. Your teachers are held responsible for the home room. If there is any damage done, they have to pay for it. You don't like

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to pay for something that you did not do, well neither do they. There is one way to be nice to your teacher and that is by respecting your home room, and also the rooms in which you have classes.

Both the girls and boys washrooms are being mistreated, to a certain extent. In this case, we hold the janitors responsible, and they cannot help it, if we do not cooperate.

Come on, don't hold back, put your heart in your school and cooperate.

Mr. Roaden reports that the only rule of the school is "Do Right" and anyone not abiding by this rule will be punished.

Book Review

"Northwest Passage" is a story based on the Lewis and Clark expedition in search of a northwest passage.

This book is so vivid that one can almost feel the cold pain and hunger that the men suffered on the trip.

Major Robert Rogers was the leader of the expedition and his bravery and courage was widely known. He led his party through the wilderness, four Indian raids, cold and hunger to civilization.

Major Rogers' secretary, Langdon Towne, is an artist who wanted to paint Indians as they really lived. His pictures were so admired after the expedition that he sold them for quite a sum of money.

Langdon Towne is described as being very young and with a natural gift for blending paints.

"Northwest Passage" is in the school library. The author is Kenneth Roberts.

The next book I will report on is "Jamaica Inn" by Daphne Du Maurier.

MANY STATES

No state in the Union is bordered by more states than Tennessee. She has eight around her. They are: Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri.

The Black Star School Band

The band has made splendid progress this year. It is working on several hard numbers now and has had very good rehearsals since the opening of the second semester.

The band has played at most of the basketball games, even though some of the members could not be there. Some of them played on the "B" basketball team.

At the Pineville-Black Star basketball game the Band Director from Pineville, Mr. Holst, and several of his band members were here for the ball game and were invited to play a few numbers with us. After the performance was over all the boys from Pineville congratulated our conductor, Mr. Sims, and expressed their enjoyment for having played with us and appreciation for our friendliness. Everyone had a good time and we appreciate our Pineville friends very much.

The contest numbers for the band are "Rustic" by Franghiser and "The March of the Toys" from "Babes in Toyland" by Victor Herbert. There will be solos played by several members of the band: Ruben Rains (Trombone), Wilma Baker (Alto Clarinet), Kathleen Stout (Oboe), Sam Hodges and Fred Stout (Cornet), Wendell Baker and Arthur Vernon (B-flat Clarinet, Lemuel Burnette (B-flat tenor saxophone).

There will be two small ensembles, the Brass Quartet, consisting of Ruben Rains, Ray Kelly, Layton Morgan, and Reed Quartet consisting of Wendell Baker, Arthur Vernon, Wilma Baker and Lemuel Burnett.

Our coach, one of the best basketball coaches we have had at Black Star paid a compliment to the band after the Pineville game. He said that the band sounded better than it ever had and it pepped him and the players immensely. Knowing that our playing does help the boys, let us try to improve continually.

Honor Roll

1st Grade

Harold Dean Barton, Roy Edward Carroll, Rowland Mullins, Richard Mayfield, Wendell Ray, Jessie Barnette, Ruby Allen Buell, Doris Ann Huff, Sherry Ann Johnson, Flovia Della Roark, Bobbie Jean Sexton, Betty Ray Terrell, Norma Wagner, Glodene Westfelt, Betty Jean Lawson.

2nd Grade

Wilma Engle, Billie Frances Hail, Imogene Patterson, Francis Rose, Juiwana Warfield, Ray Tip-ton.

3rd Grade

June Ausbine, Erma Dean Walters, Sue Hail, Thelma Westfelt, Albert Cornelius, Billy Terrell.

4th Grade

Margaret Roberts, George Lee, Edward Warfield, Clay Wolfe.

5th Grade

Paul Roaden, Allen Barnett, Seretta Howard.

6th Grade

Claude Whitaker, Carl Sutton, Bobbie Hughes, Mason Phipps, Helen Newport, Alice Hood, Duple Grant, Darlene Fowler.

7th Grade

Dick Stout, Charles Marlow, Gracie Mae Price.

8th Grade

Archie Fore, Helen Williams.

9th Grade

Herbert Reeves, Raymond Rose, June Cornelius, Edith Walters, Charlene Campbell, Jewel Dean Howard.

10th Grade

X Margaret Veller, Vivian Hurley, Irene Campbell.

11th Grade

Dorothy Turner, Gloria Smith.

12th Grade

Virgie Wright.

SAFETYGRAMS

1. I will be a safe driver by exercising care and by protecting the rights of others.
2. I will be a safe pedestrian.
3. I will not take foolish chances.
4. I will obey the rules of the road.

Of course, there are many more resolutions—important ones, too—that could be added to this list;

Sports

As the day pass on we advance into the Basketball season. The Eagles have played remarkable ball this season. They have lost several games, most of them were not conference games. We are just finding those teams out.

January 3, the Eagles challenged the Mt. Lions of Pineville, in which they defeated them by a score of 12-34. Helton, Chambers and Robinson were outstanding for the Eagles. Wilder for the Mt. Lions.

On January 9, the Eagles engaged in a battle with Barbourville, a man-to-man battle for awhile until the Eagles finally defeated Barbourville by a score of 29-18. Stewart and Johnson led for the Eagles.

January 10, the Eagles went to Benham to tackle a tough team, another man-to-man battle hard fought all the way through. But the Eagles lost by a score of 33-39. Helton and Stewart led for the Eagles, Robinette for Benham.

On January 14, Bell Hi came here to carry off a victory but were surprised to lose both games. The Eagles showed their spirit by taking that into the bag. Phipps and Johnson were outstanding for Eagles, Nelson for Bell Hi.

January 21 was a big night at B. S. H. S. The gym was packed full. The Corbin Red Hounds came into town, a hard fought game for both teams, the Eagles showed their spirit to fight. They were defeated by a 31-28 score. Stewart and Johnson led the Eagles. Higgins for Corbin.

The Eagles have just returned from Corbin, where they met Williamsburg, Corbin, and Woodbine. They were defeated by all three teams. All the boys played excellent ball, however on Tuesday night, the Eagles met Pineville in a game that proved to be another close one. The final score was 28-25 in our favor.

The Benham Tigers invade the home of the Eagles Friday, Feb. 7, to play a game which should be one of the most interesting games of the season.

The Home Ec. Dept.

The Home Ec Department seems to be progressing very smoothly after the distressing thoughts of semester exams.

Just now the seventh grade girls, who are taking home ec. as a club, are making aprons but it is undecided what they will make next.

The eighth grade girls are studying a home nursing unit and soon will make spring dresses.

The freshmen girls have the honor (or should we say dishonor) of having boys in their class. They are studying a luncheon unit now. After this unit is finished the girls will make spring dresses and the boys will probably make aprons.

The sophomore girls made different kinds of candy and gave it to their parents for Christmas. They are now studying child care and will study a dinner unit soon.

POEM

Do ships have eyes when they go to see?

Are there springs in the ocean's bed?

Does a Jolly Tar come from a tree? Can a river loose it's head?

Are fishes crazy when they go insane?

Can an old hen sing her lay?

Can you bring relief to a window pane?

Or mend a break of day?

What kind of vegetable is a policeman's beat?

Is a newspaper white when it's read?

Is a banker broke when he's making dough?

Is an undertaker's business dead?

Would a wall paper store make a good hotel?

Because of it's boarders there?

Would you paint a rabbit on a baldman's head?

Just to give him a little hare?

If you ate a square meal would the corners hurt?

Can you saw the board of trade?

Would you throw a rope to a drowning lemon?

Just to give a lemonade?

Senior Chapel Program

The Senior class of 1941 presented their second program for the year, Friday, January 23. The program was sponsored by Miss Bolling, Senior home room teacher. The program consisted of the following:

Explanation of Presidential Inauguration—Maxine Thomas.

Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address—O'Neil Johnson.

Doxology—Audience

President's Oath of Office — Arthur Vernon and Alva Inman acting as president.

Inaugural Address of President — Alvan Inman.

Star Spangled Banner — Audience.

All Seniors were seated on the stage during the entire program.

The Junior class gave one of the best chapel programs of the year, last Friday. They presented a "Mock Faculty" which was very amusing. The teachers were as follows:

Miss Bolling—Dorothy Turner.

Miss Brittain—Eunice Helton.

Miss Hendren—Gloria Smith.

Miss Sharp—Marie Smith.

Miss Carroll—Mable Dash.

Mr. Goforth—Earl Hart. X

Mr. Wyant—Ray Kelly.

Mr. Roaden—Buddy McCoy.

Then a solo was sung by Miss Bolling (Dorothy Turner) and five girls sang a song.

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The majority of the students are pleased with the way their classes are arranged and are settling down to another semester of hard studying.

The clubs are arranged this semester so that every one will be able to take Physical Education. The Glee Clubs alternate, and every other day they can take Physical Education at the Gym.

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to Lexington, and then to Washington to the National spelling bee.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish all the contestants the best of luck.

This'n That

1. We are still wondering whose wedding Miss Hendren attended the day she missed school.

2. You would think some of our basket ball boys came from the land of nod from the way they were nodding their heads the night of the Pineville ball game.

3. Some of these boys who are trying to beat some of these Army boys time, had better be careful. They are in there to learn to fight, you know.

4. Chambers will have to learn to count at least to ten, so that he may be able to count his boils. They do hurt, don't they? (voice of experience)

5. Ray is getting to be a regular gadabout here a.c.y. Everywhere you see him he is with some girl??

6. "The Pond" is wide, and I can't step it, Bill fell in and couldn't help it. "The Reverend".

7. Who was the young gentlemen who was to come to see Lula Saturday night, but couldn't make it?? What about it Lula?

8. It sure is a pity Johnson couldn't have shared his hamburgers with "Dab." Wonder why Johnson was afraid to eat anything. But he had to stay in training, you knew.

9. Some the men teachers as well as the women teachers, will be glad to hear that a new furnace will be installed in the women teachers club house, for some of them don't like to bank fires.

10. Raymond Massey, the great character actor of Abe Lincoln, will be sorry to hear he had a rival in the Senior class of B. S. H. S, how about it Johnson?

11. Wonder why it is some people don't like to have their name mentioned in this column???

12. Why does Earl Hart hang around the candy store so much? Cou'd it be that he is trying to play John Alden???

13. We all wonder why "Sam" Jones is so quiet lately, maybe he had better quit looking in other people's packages.

14. Why does Deb Young visit the school at noon, is he taking a course in psychology or romance?

15. Wonder what one of our teachers will do when Mr. Goforth joins the army???

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts entertained the Girl Scouts with a buffet supper and social hour Thursday evening of last week. Besides a delightful supper, games and a short program by the Scouts were greatly enjoyed. Those present were Ruben Rains, Olney Terrel, Otice Cox, James Cox, Sam Hodges, Jack Higgins, Jack Greene, Lem Burnette, Clyde Shelley, Dick Stout, Jr., Mr. Sims and C. O. Hodges, Scout leaders of the Boy Scouts.

Virginia Ruth Moore, Coleen Moore, Isabelle Greene, Jackie Parker, Dixie Lowe, Daphne Lowe, Geraldine Mullins, Margie Bryant, Virginia Hughes, Margaret Veller, Kath'een Stout, Wilma Baker, Joy Helton and Miss Edith Kelly, Scout leader of the girls.

Q—How many army camps are there in the United States? Where is the largest camp and what is its population?

A.—The Army Directory for April, 1940, lists 343 camps in the United States. Fort Benning, Ga., near Columbus, is the largest, with approximately 30,000 soldiers stationed there.

Q.—How do state presidential electors cast their votes for president.

A.—The electors meet at the state Capitol Dec. 16 and cast their votes for the Democratic nominee. The secretary of state publishes the vote and copies are sent to both houses of Congress.

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