

Scrapbook



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Excerpts From The Westfield Leader

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Two thousand, one hundred and sixty eggs, representing several score henneries in this immediate vicinity, and guaranteed strictly sanitary by Druggist Ed Jarvis who provided them, were deposited in odd nooks and corners in Mindowaskin Park, April 15, and two thousand kiddies, not over ten years of age, searched for them. The occasion was an Easter Egg Hunt conducted by the Lions Club—an organization which eschews red meat at this season of the year. The shades of night were falling when the last weary hunter returned with a hat full of eggs. Nineteen prize winners were Charles Tanner, William Doerer, Joe Demine, June VanName, Barbara Humm, Joan Barbara Walker, Daniel DeRusso, Dacio Sterphone, Floyd Bean, Jay Reed Severn, Frank Mastrian, Jean MacQueen, Robert Fink, Francis Wattrous, Lorina Coles, Sam Martino, Leslie Wieland, Donald Benny and Edward Hyslip. During the hunt, the High School Band played a Barnyard Symphony, while the mallards and swans looked on in amazement. One old bird of brilliant plumage actually chortled when Francis Watrous held up a green egg with blue stripes.

Two Westfield High School debating teams won decisions in the annual triangular debate with Plainfield and Morristown. First, taking the negative side of the question, "Resolved, that the United States Government should recognize the Soviet Government of Russia," the team of Claire Daniseler, Edgar Talbot, William Dietz, with Hope Hastorf, alternate, defeated Plainfield; then, taking the affirmative side of the same question, the team of Robert Taylor, Harry Woodruff, Bennet Eskeson, with Norman Pratt alternate, defeated Morristown.

The High School Juniors are going to dance "a la carte" at their forthcoming Prom. At least it was so voted "after much discussion and disagreement" at a recent meeting. The question was: "Shall we have cut-ins or program dancing?" and the girls who wanted their boy friends for partners most of the evening were in the majority. "Back to Methusalah!" sneered the cut-ins when the result of the ballot was announced. P. S.: It turned out all right. "I didn't see a single wallflower all evening," observed an estatic Junior Miss after a last "divine waltz".

Two hundred children are enrolled in the Treasure Hunt conducted by the Westfield Public Library, under the direction of Miss Mary Barker, children's librarian. Miss Barker has been in charge of the Juvenile Department for two years. She was reared in the ways of the sea and knows the pirate lore, so fascinating to young folks. Her brother is Capt. William Barker, skipper of the Tusitala, last of the square-rigged ships now sailing between New York and Honolulu. She has lived in England, Australia, Galveston, Texas—ports where old salts gather to spin yarns over their grogg.

The Dixie Minstrel Show, held in the social hall of the First M. E. Church, January 27 and 28, drew an audience of over 500 persons. Honors went to Robert E. Purvis, interlocutor; T. E. Richards, Roy E. Manne, L. M. Hafley and E. C. Wright, end men; and the quartette, K. L. Lein, O. V. Earhart, C. P. Beatty and F. B. Elder. Little Sylvia Grace Briggs, as "Sugar Baby," the only real colored character in the cast, scored a hit with her singing of "St. Louis Blues" and "Shine On Your Shoes."

The pupils of Osgood S. Rogers entertained parents and friends with an interesting recital of flute music at the Rogers home on Chestnut Street, Sunday afternoon. Solos and duets were played by Ruth McCormick, Mary Esther Clifford, Edward Hoe, Harry Cornwall, Elliott and Roger Mason. The flutists were assisted at the piano by Mrs. Roger Mason, Mrs. Edward S. Hoe, Hayden Mason, and Miss Frances Rittenhouse of Plainfield.

Robert N. Buck, of Westfield, junior aviation medalist, added another achievement to his long list of record-breaking flights, when he landed at Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15., thus completing a trip from Newark to that city via Mexico, in 20 hours and 35 minutes, flying time. It was the first flight recorded by a boy over this route.

Richard Barker, W. H. S. graduate, has been awarded the John Hay Scholarship of \$400. at Brown University for his "outstanding ability, personality and promise".