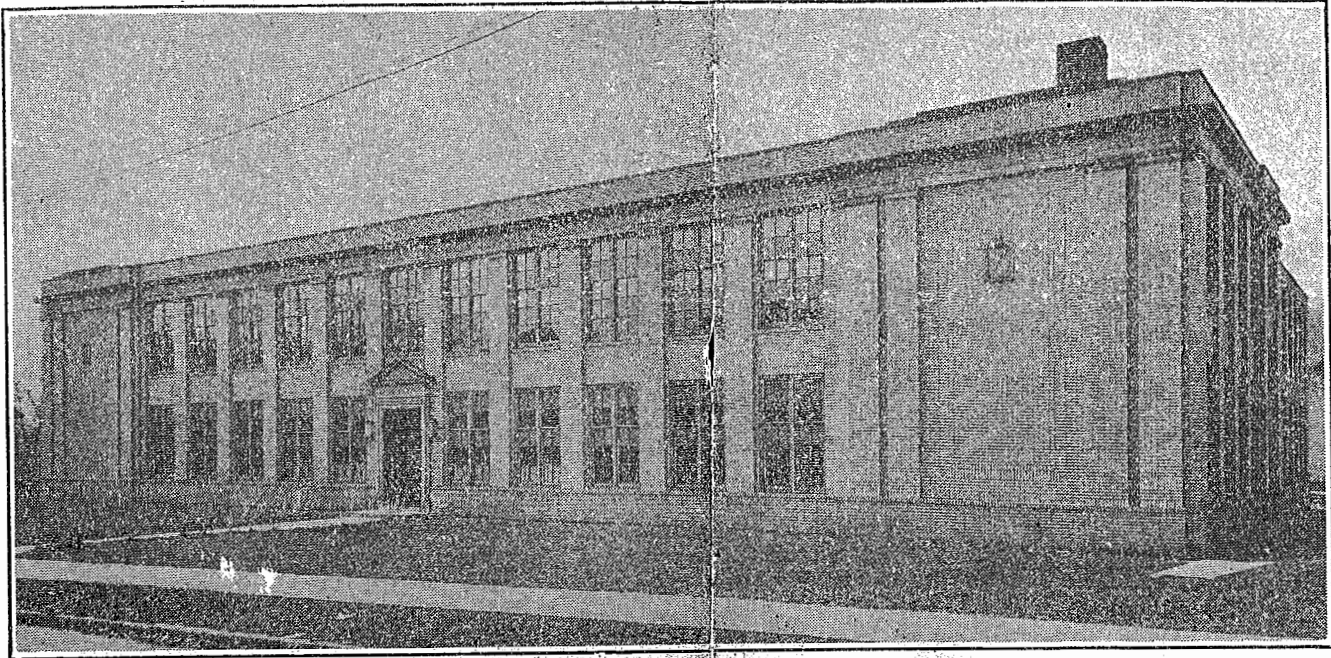


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## ARMISTICE DAY PARADE

At the request of the American Legion the Freeport High School students participated in the Armistice Day parade. There were two floats representing two phases of education, the early and modern. The modern education was represented by the Seniors and Sophomores. This float showed the Academic work, Laboratory, Domestic Science, Manual Training, Commercial, Music, Public Speaking and the Athletics. The early education was represented by the Juniors and Freshman. This float was of the days gone by when all had to sit on benches. There were others who took part in the parade representing Colonial people, Indians, Sailors, Farmeretts and Red Cross nurses.

V. S. '26.

## MEMBERS ELECTED TO HONOR SOCIETY

At a meeting of the Faculty Council on Tuesday, November 12, the following members of the Senior class were elected to membership in Freeport Chapter of the National Honor Society: Ethel Collins, Edward Rowley, Mary Hesselgesser. The Alumni elected during the year 1924-25 to the Society were: Emma Claman, Margaret Kettering, Eleanor Van Dyke.

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on (1) scholarship—the student must rank in the upper fourth of the class, (2) character, (3) service, (4) leadership. The student elected to membership must be elected by the unanimous vote of the Faculty Council.

## ATHLETICS

The Freeport High School football squad of 1925 is one in which the school should be justly proud. It is one of the best teams, if not the best, in the history of the school. Playing ten games for the season F. H. S. is credited with having scored (in seven games) 117 points against her opponents 44.

The first game of the season was played at Freeport and resulted in a 69 to 0 victory. The lads from across the river were outclassed with our splendid aggregation and were defeated before the game was started. The team was far from being up to its stride and many things were learned to be of future benefit.

We then journeyed down to Tarentum to capture our rival and here we suffered defeat to the score of 7 to 0. It was not, however, until the last five minutes of play that Tarentum scored their touchdown. During the first half and especially the third quarter, did the Blue and Gold backs demolished the Crimson line and completely outcharged and outplayed them. But all this display of power and general superiority was fruitless, because of the

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## RED CROSS

On Nov. 19, the Jr. Red Cross had its drive in the Freeport Public School. The drive was a big success. This year our school belongs to the Armstrong chapter. Plans have been laid by which the pupils will take an active part and thus derive great benefits from

their membership. In Junior High School more attention will be given to corresponding. The most important contribution of the Red Cross is what it has done to develop the social ideals among the peoples of the world. We cannot have too much of this in our educational scheme. In the Senior High School more attention will be given to Home Hygiene.

## STAFF OF BLUE AND GOLD

Editor—Mildred Rohr '27.  
Activity Editor—Ethel Collins '26.  
Assistant Activity Editor—Ruth Heselgesser '26.  
Sport Editor—Edward Rowley '26.  
Business Manager—Tony Ranieri '28.  
Sr. High Advisor—Miss Turner.  
Jr. High Advisor—Miss Mellott.  
Faculty Advisor—Miss Russell.

### EDITORIAL

We are now settled down for a new school year. We have all gotten a start—one that means either success or failure. Last year we started our school paper. We feel that our paper was a success, both educationally and financially. This year our paper is on a larger scale. We would ask the earnest support of alumni, students, faculty and patrons to make this paper as good, if not better, than last year. The purpose of this paper is to bring the principal, parents, pupils and teachers into closer contact.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM

1. Graduates of Freeport High School, beginning in 1924, shall be certified for entrance into colleges, normal schools, etc., without examinations in only those subjects in which they have obtained a final grade of E or better. Pupils may secure credit toward graduation from the local high school with a grade of C, but in all subjects in which a grade of C is received, examinations will be suggested for entrance into colleges, etc.

2. Those pupils who receive during their high school course final grades of E in at least eight of the required academic subjects in the course of which they have selected and have received no grade in any subject below G shall graduate from Freeport High School with high honors.

The pupils who receive during their high school course final grades of G or better in at least eight of the required academic subjects in the course which they have selected and have received no grade in any subject below S shall graduate from Freeport High School with honors.

#### 3. Grading System:

E—95-100 per cent Excellent, or High Honor.

G—87-94 per cent Good, or Above Average.

S—76-87 per cent Satisfactory, or Average.

C—70-75 per cent Credit, or below Average.

U—69 and below, Unsatisfactory or Failure.

## MISS TURNER BACK AGAIN

Miss Turner, a favorite teacher among us all, is back again after an absence of five weeks, of which she spent two weeks in the hospital, due to an operation for appendicitis. We are all glad to have her back. E. B. '27.

### ATHLETICS

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unfortunate habit of fumbling and receiving of penalties at critical moments, destroyed the opportunities to score. With the ball on Freeport's 8 yard line and Tarentum receiving a 5 yard penalty in their favor, this put the ball on F. H. S.'s 3 yard line, where it took Tarentum 3 downs to put it over. The defeat was felt keenly by F. H. S.

The following Saturday the Blue and Gold warriors went up against a very heavy and very good team in Apollo. They battled in mud and came through with a tie score of 0 to 0. Many opportunities were lost to score because of the condition of the field and a slippery ball.

Our next game was played with Verona at Verona. Here we again suffered defeat to the score of 7 to 6. Another of the usual days for football amid rain and mud the team battled. Freeport, set up to form and Verona playing better than they know, won the game. F. H. S. received their first score early in the game, by blocking a punt and Camel, taking it over for the score. They failed to kick the goal. In the fourth quarter Verona took the ball down the field and with a nicely executed forward pass, scored a touchdown and made the point after touchdown, winning the game.

With the knowledge gained from this experience the following week F. H. S. played Leesburg, one of our rivals, in a sea of mud and water and victory resulted with the score of 20 to 6. The Blue and Gold displayed in this game a real exhibition of football. Time after time Ed Edwards and Samuel took the ball down the field and scored. The playing of these two boys was remarkable and with the aid of their teammates, won for F. H. S.

The Arnold game, which was next in line, was postponed till the day before Thanksgiving.

With two weeks of practice in correcting faults, F. H. S. played Sharpsburg here at Freeport. Although outweighed the Blue and Gold again were victorious. The game was hard fought throughout and on a customary sea of mud. The score was tied and up until the fourth quarter with two minutes to play, Young a substitute for E. Ed-

wards, intercepted a pass on the 40 yard line and after eluding several tacklers, romped over for a second touchdown and thus winning the game for F. H. S., the score being 12 to 6.

On Armistice day the Blue and Gold with only four days rest, went up against Parnassus High School. Parnassus outweighed the team and with the Freeport boys away out of form, were defeated 18 to 0. In the second half, however, the boys came back and no scoring occurred in this part of the game. F. H. S. has won three games, tied one and lost three at this time.

There remain three games on the schedule: Kittanning, Vandergrift and Arnold. Many of the squad are playing their last game for F. H. S. and to them we wish all the success in that which lies before them, and may they carry with them the training and true fighting spirit that they have displayed here on the football field for F. H. S.

The season has been successful at the time this review is written.

Through the courtesy of the University of Pittsburgh the squad received tickets to the Pitt Johns Hopkins football game on Oct. 31. About 20 boys of the squad went down to see the game. G. E. D.

### ASSEMBLY NOTES

Following the custom of last year, we are having assembly periods in the auditorium every Thursday. The classes seem to appreciate these periods, and it is looked forward to by all.

On August 31 the Student body assembled the first time for the coming year, and received the schedule to follow. James Keesey and Tranquillo Raniero favored with musical selections.

Our next assembly was Sept. 3. Sidney McCafferty, student body president for the coming year, gave an interesting talk on "Cooperation" in the school.

Sept. 10, Rev. Dornblaser of Trinity Lutheran church, gave the students an interesting address, after the devotion exercises.

When the classes assembled in the auditorium, Sept. 17, many Senior seats were vacant, but investigation disclosed the fact that the dignified class were the entertainers. After the program, cheer-leaders were nominated. Helen Myers, Margaret Bricker and Donald Obitz were elected. The Senior program consisted of a dialogue, "Taking the Baby's Picture," musical numbers and current topics.

We had a rather sad assembly on Sept. 14, when our friend, Rev. Law of the Methodist church, gave his far-

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Beginning this year the Senior class will have a standardized ring. At individual class meetings of Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores, the question of standardizing the ring was discussed. A unanimous vote, in favor of standardizing the ring was received from the three classes. The committee appointed for the selection of the ring is as follows: Chairman, Mary Hesselgesser, Paul Ruffner, Katherine Good, Homer Craig, Eleanor Downie, Robert McCafferty, Everett Wilson, Mr. Strouse, Mr. Liggitt and Mrs. Taylor. At a committee meeting it was decided that the rings and pins be purchased from the Balfour Company. The style of the ring may be changed from year to year, but the seal must remain the same. The seal of the ring is yet to be decided upon. A duplicate of this ring will be kept in the office. V. S. '26.

#### Student Council

The Student Council has been organized this year as in former years. The purpose of the council is to further the relations between the students and the faculty.

It consists of the student body officers, faculty advisors, representatives from the different classes and other organizations of F. H. S. Sidney McCafferty '26, is president and Eleanor Downie '27, is secretary.

The Council has taken up such discussion as the Lyceum course, Season Football Tickets, The School Paper and the Election of the Editor, the Armistice Day parade and the Night Session of School for Education Week.

#### Senior-Sophomore Debate.

The Sophomore class has challenged the Senior class to debate on Nov. 23. The Senior class has accepted the challenge to debate. The Senior debaters will be Mary Sarver and Mary Hesselgesser. The Sophomore debaters will be Virginia Eshelman and Erma Crestani. The question to be debated is, "Resolved that Prohibition is a failure."

#### GLEE CLUB NEWS

During the third week of September the Girls' Glee Club, consisting of forty-five members, was organized. The officers are as follows: Ethel Collins, president; Helen Myers, secretary; and Violet Sherbondy, treasurer. The same week the Boys' Glee Club, consisting of fifteen members, was organized. The officers of this club are: Wilfrid Rohr, president and Addison Brant, secretary.

Hear Tom Skeyhill, the Australian Poet and Lecturer, in the Public School Auditorium, January 7, 1926.

As decreed by the Bureau of Education the third week in November was observed as American Education week.

The following program was recommended:

Monday—Constitution Day. "The Constitution is the bulwark of democracy and opportunity." Slogan: Know the Constitution, visit your school. An "Open Night" session was held so that the patrons could observe the pupils at work.

Tuesday—Patriotism Day. "The Flag of the U. S. of America is the symbol of the ideas and institutions of our Republic."

Wednesday—Library and Visitors' Day. "Progressive civilization depends upon progressive education."

Thursday—Conservation and Thrift Day.

Friday—School-Teacher Day.

L. M.

#### JUNIOR HIGH CLUB

The members of the Junior High School have shown much interest in their clubs which meet once a week in their own rooms, each meeting consuming one period which is devoted to any interesting programs which the members might select. These programs include literary, dramatic, musical and artistic numbers. Seventh and Eighth grades have adopted the following names: Penn Society and Junior Eighth.

#### FACULTY DINNER

The Faculty dinner, held Thursday evening, Oct. 22, 1925, at Cumberland Camp was a great success. Where all the chicken and waffles disappeared was a mystery even to the teachers. We pronounce Mr. Daniels, champion waffle eater of Armstrong County, with Mr. Kennedy a close second. Everyone had a pleasant time and we hope to have more of them soon. G. L. A.

#### COMMERCIAL NOTES

Two pupils of the Commercial Department have been given awards by the Underwood Typewriting Company.

Lillian Guinta received a bronze pin, writing forty-eight words per minute with five errors.

Eleanor Barrett received a certificate of efficiency, writing thirty-four words per minute with six errors. This test was fifteen minutes in length.

#### In Cicero Class

Mrs. Taylor—Ruth, what does this mean, "H takes the air with his ears?"

Ruth Smith—He sees with his ears in what direction the winds are blowing.

The Board of Education, with the Superintendent of Schools, has installed a system of banking in Freeport Public School. By means of this plan a deposit in any amount is accepted in each school room on Tuesday of each week. Regularity of saving is to be encouraged, rather than occasional large deposits. Pupils who become regular, constant savers and depositors are forming valuable life habits. If one wants to know whether he is destined to be a success or failure in life he can easily find out. The test is simple and infallible. Are you able to save money?

L. M.

Jack be thrifty,  
Save, Jack, save;  
The path to millions  
With pennies pave.

#### ALUMNI NEWS

What the Class of "25" Are Doing.

Mary Jane Keener—Margaret Morrison.

Esther Stepp—Duffs, Iron City.

Mildred Aakinson—Duffs, Iron City.

Eleanor Van Dyke—Thiel College.

Marmaget Connolly—Marinello Beauty School.

Mildred Archbald—home.

Sara Bouch—home.

Helen Bulford—home.

Emma Chapman—teaching at Butler Junction.

Ruth Dougherty—teaching at Boggsville.

Grace Elliott—home.

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Sara Keener—home.

Margaret Kettering—home.

Carolyn Reed—home.

Florence Jenkins—residing at Tarentum.

Ann Gabler—home.

Albert Iseman—Bellefonte.

Lee Van Dyke—Thiel College.

Richard Kettering—farming.

Herman Kettering—farming.

Turney Fair—clerking for Hesselgesser.

Bruce Haggart—clerking for Saver's Hardware.

Guy Clouser—Freeport Highway Motor.

Kenneth Crane—Pittsburgh Plate Glass.

Harry "Red" James—Pittsburgh Plate Glass.

Walter Downie—Open Hearth Fire Brick Co.

Marcus Harlley—Chemist for Aluminum Co.

Floyd Ross—Aluminum Works.

John James—Farmers National Bank.

Mrs. Brant—Have you swept under the davenport?

Ruth B.—Yes—Everything.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

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well address to the Freeport students before leaving town. Mr. Strouse, president of the school board, also spoke to the students.

The Junior Girls "Famiso" Orchestra, made its debut, which received hearty applause, on Oct. 1. Their dialogue and other numbers were also good.

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There was no special program for Oct. 8. Coach Kennedy gave a talk in regard to football and John Siciliano, an F. H. S. enthusiast, and "Red" Jaes, '25, also made a few remarks.

On Oct. 15, the section of Sophomores, who gave the program, deserve credit for their efforts. Ethel Collins and Wilfred Rohr made announcements in behalf of the Glee Club in regard to the H. S. Lyceum course.

Rev. Liggitt of the Presbyterian Church was with us on Oct. 27, and gave us an interesting discussion on "Lead Pencils."

Oct. 29, the Sophomore group under Miss Russell's supervision, brought back the days of long ago in the form of the stately minuet.

The assembly, Nov. 5, resulted in very happy, snappy talks by coach and captain of the team. Mr. Dannel's talk about F. H. S. football was appreciated by all.

JOKES

Miss Turner (very enthusiastically) "This line in Chaucer is incorrect for have we any proof of the existence of orchestras in Biblical times?"

W. Rohr—"Oh, yes ma'am; don't you remember that place where it says Moses led the band of Israelites.

Harriet—What is a hug?  
Homer—Energy gone to waist.

Margaret I.—Are you fond of outdoor sports?  
Virginia E.—Yes; if they have cars.

One day in study period Miss Keebler had changed Virgil Edward's seat several times. Finally she said: "Virgil, I'm afraid you'll have to move again."

Virgil—"This is a game of checkers?"  
Miss Keebler—Yes, and it's your move.

Virgil—Well, I guess I better before I get crowned.

Clarence F.—As you know young lady, I have very set ideas about love.

Mercedes B.—That's why you never get anywhere.

FRESHMAN CLASS OF "29"

The Freshman class of Freeport High, The nicest one in days gone by,  
They number fifty-four in rank,  
And never do you meet a crank.

The girls are happy, young and gay,  
They learn their lessons day by day;  
We think our girls are mighty fine,  
They're from the class of "29."

The boys are small, but oh so nice!  
And just as quiet as little mice,  
When you see a Freshman its a sign,  
They're from the class of "29."

Although they think we are green,  
And have a lot to yet be seen,  
We are not very behind,  
The grand old class of "29."

J. C. Gillespie "29."  
Betty Williams.

"MY TRAIN."

I have a little choo-choo train  
That goes back and forth with me,  
And what can be the use of it  
Is more than I can see.

It goes along the railroad track,  
Like a man that's had a drink;  
It will stop with such a sudden jerk  
That you grip your seat and blink.

It takes a half a day to go  
From Boggsville down to Lane,  
And some days it won't go at all,  
If there is any sign of rain.

But sitting down and thinking hard,  
I know its cheap to talk;  
And if I did not have this train,  
I guess I'd have to walk.  
G. F. C. '29.

JOKES

Carl N.—I'm a little stiff from bowling.  
Coach Kennedy—I don't care where you're from, get into a suit and get to work.

MEMORIES

I saw a ghost on the field today,  
The ghost of a dream grown old;  
The ghost of a kid who used to play  
When the years were young and bold;  
And I heard the cheers which they used  
to sing  
When the team rushed through the  
gate;  
And I heard the songs which they used  
to sing  
On a long-forgotten date.

"For that was a million years ago,"  
A million years and ten—  
But old ghosts flock to the game they  
knew  
To batter that line again.  
To batter the line and take the ball  
Through dreams that will never die.  
As they leap once more at the ancient  
Call,  
And charge at the battle cry.

I saw a ghost on the field today,  
And it looked like a kid I knew,  
With a flock of others now far away,  
Who went for the last review.  
Old ghosts who gather for old times'  
sake  
As the phantom thunders roar  
And the ghostly echoes of lost days  
break  
In the wake of the winning score.  
"Shantie" '25-'26.

Principal parts of verb "flunco"—  
flunco, fluncere, suspendo, expulsum.

Archie (to mother)—Mother, can you  
sign your name with your eyes shut?  
Mother—Certainly.  
Archie—Well then, shut your eyes  
and sign my report card.

Lewis D.—Shay, it's dark in here  
I can't see my hand in front of my face.  
James K.—Don't be a fool. It'sh not  
there.

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