



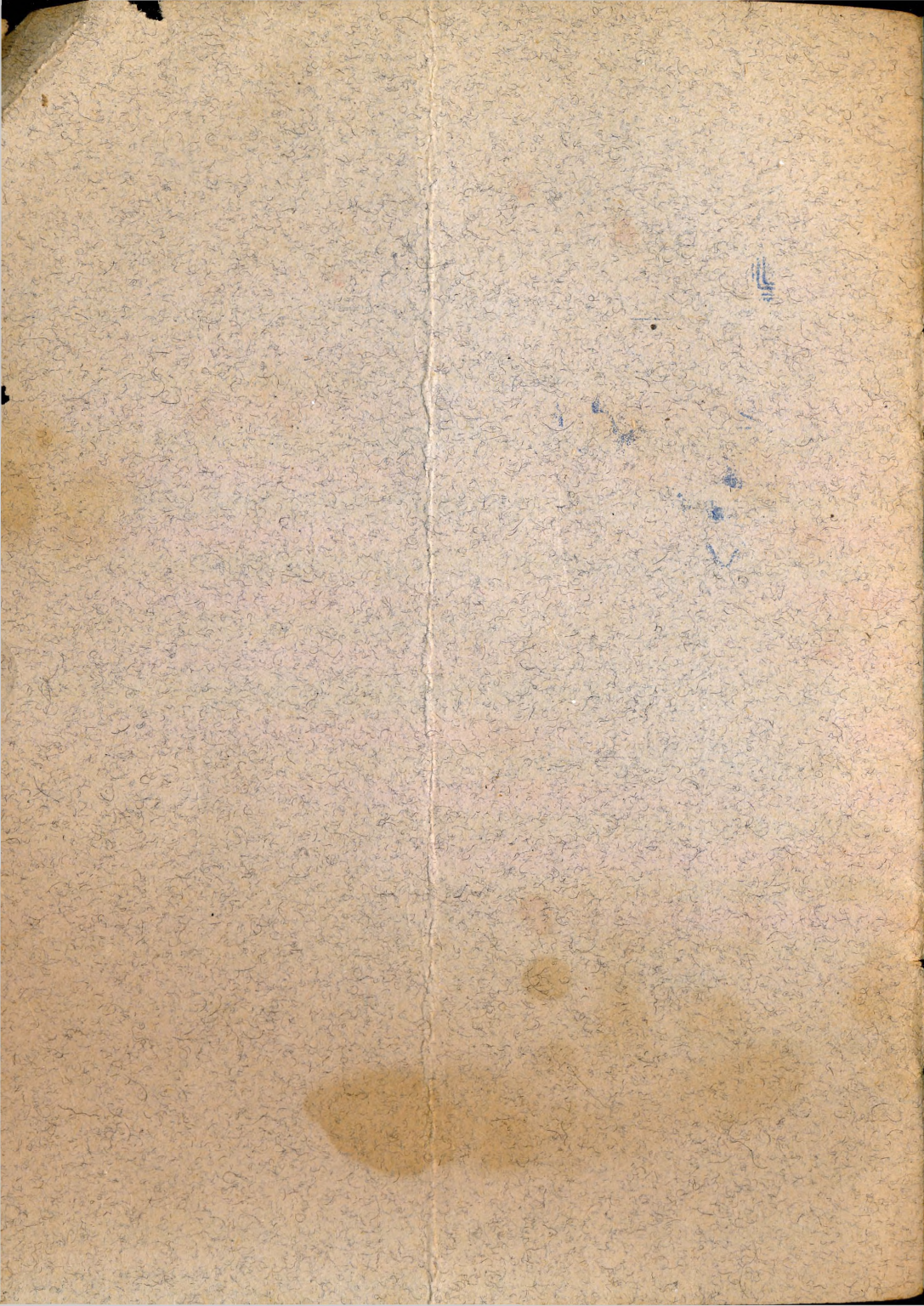


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EDITORIAL

M. S. BELL, Editor-in-Chief

INTRODUCTION

SINCE this is the introductory number of the Ingersoll Collegiate "Excelsior", the Editors feel it quite necessary to solicit the support of readers. As both the crest of the school and the name of the paper suggests, the students of the I. C. I. are looking forward, to attain something higher than ordinary. The editors hope the "Excelsior" will help materially along this line.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

DURING the past two years or so what is commonly called "School Spirit" has been rapidly developing in the I. C. I. Interest in the school was dying out somewhat, until revived by the recent enterprises taken up by all connected with the institution. The main source of this perhaps was evident in the athletics. The idea of school athletics being broadened out and increased was heartily welcomed by all. This was quickly followed by other similar enterprises in all branches of the work. The most recent of these is the idea of publishing a school-paper. Let up hope that the promoters of this action will meet with the same success which has been attained by the former schemes.

The staff of this paper were somewhat at a loss as to what this paper should be called. Everyone, students and teachers alike, taxed their brain to the utmost to call to mind a suitable name; finally, a timely suggestion was given by a friend, Rev. Jos. Janes, M. A., to call it "Excelsior". What better motto could a school have than this one word, meaning "yet higher." In all branches of the school work no student could do better than to use this as his watchword.

A WORD FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

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EXCHANGE

E. SUTHERLAND, Editor

AS this is the first issue of the "Excelsior" we have yet no exchange list and hence the brevity of this article. However, by the time of the next issue we expect to have a creditable exchange. All pupils of the school are advised to procure some of the papers of other schools, from the editor of this department and to pass criticisms and to secure some helpful suggestions for the improvement of our journal.

EXTRACTS FROM EXCELSIOR, 1960

Prof. Roy Byerlay has invented a new electric machine that will tell exactly which way the wind blows.

Prof. Freeman Elliott, the famous scientist, has discovered a formula which will cure any sickness from chilblains to headaches

Mr. Charles Fortier is visiting his friends in Beachville.

Mr. James Wilson has completed his first novel. It has been his greatest ambition to bring before the public the action along the border. The title of his book is "Smuggling."

SEEN IN A COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

WE are opening a new hotel and we wish our patrons to have many conveniences. Thus we have arranged matters that this inn does not need funds as it is supported by its foundation. Any dog-collars found in the soup will be kindly returned to the cook. Do not go near the stove as you might see the kitchen sink. If you are fond of baseball and wish some practise you will find a pitcher on the stand. Any person troubled with the night-mare will find a halter on the bed post. If you wish any amusement take off the feather tick and you will see the bed spring. Vehicles such as roller skates, bicycles, motor cycles and fords are not allowed to be kept under the pillow. Trusting that you will not trouble us, we remain. THE UP-TO-DATE HOUSE.

I. C. I. LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES

OUR Literary Society consists of all the pupils in the school. It has done remarkably well in former years and, since the formation of the Interscholastic Debating League and the Glee Club, promises to do even more this year in fulfilling its purpose as an organization in the school, namely to encourage and teach its members to take part in and to conduct meetings and social functions of various kinds.

Regular meetings of the Literary Society are held every two weeks. For these meetings, programmes consisting of musical selections, recitations, speeches, dialogues, debates, and short plays are provided by the members of the different forms.

A special meeting of the Society in the form of the annual At Home was held on Friday evening, December the fourteenth. In keeping with the spirit of the times and the national cry for simplicity in dress and in the amount and kind of refreshments served, was observed by the students. Invitations were extended to ex-pupils, to all ex-teachers for whom it would be possible to attend, and to the members of the board of education and their wives. The assembly hall, the stairways and the room used for dancing were beautifully decorated. The President, Eugene Enright, presided with dignity and, in a few well chosen words, ably welcomed those present. The following programme was given:

Piano Duet	-	-	Misses D. Robinson and P. Lowery
Recitation	-	-	Miss Ruth Kirwin
Address—Mr. J. J. McLeod,	-	-	Chairman of the Board of Education
Violin Solo	-	-	Miss K. Parker
Whistling Duet	-	-	Messrs. B. and W. Cook
Selection	-	-	Glee Club

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of an address and umbrella to Mr. S. White, our former Manual Training teacher, who is leaving us to take up his new duties in London, Ontario.

At the close of the programme refreshments were served. Dancing and promenading were indulged in until shortly before midnight.

C. F.

ALUMNI NEWS

ISABEL PATERSON, Editor

Although the Alumni of the I. C. I. are many, the editor of this section feels that in this, the first issue of our school paper, her task is a difficult one. There is no lack of material; the difficulty is in getting people to send it in to the editors. We especially appeal to the Alumni themselves for news. Let us know where you are and what you are doing, and if you can, news of other Alumni. Keep in touch with the old school. Your Alma Mater is always anxious to hear of your work and your successes.

Of last year's students, several are attending the London Normal School: Annie Miller, Edna Harrison, Violet Goodwill, Ethel Rogers, Ethel Boyes, Ruth Currie, Margaret Muterer, Muriel Munroe, and Sadie Baigent. Lily MacVicar is also at the London Normal.

Jean Gall is going to the Faculty of Education, Toronto.

Moulton Partlo is attending the Dental College, Toronto.

Bill Murray is on the staff of the Merchants Bank, here.

Lauchlan Hobson has sailed for England with the R. F. C.

Going a little further back, several of the girls are teaching, and we are proud to be able to say that many of the boys are in some branch of the army.

Louise O'Dell is teaching in a "little red school-house" in Inspector J. C. Smith's district.

Gladys Waite is principal of the school at Byron where Mr. and Mrs. Tanton have been living since they left Ingersoll.

Kathleen Cuthbertson is teaching in town.

Martha Poole, Bessie Alderson, Nora Heeney, Hattie Mabee and Marie Fisher are also teaching.

Bruce Sutherland has been in Palestine with the R. F. C. for a year and is now a flight commander.

Harry Stone is in England and is expecting to join the R. F. C. before long.

Ted Richardson is a Musketry Instructor at Bramshott.

Charlie Beattie and Charlie Waring are at a Reserve Depot of the Army Service Corps at Shorncliffe.

Stanley Elliott is a driver with the Canadian Forestry Corps of Mechanical Transport, in England.

Leigh Neill is in France.

Jack Boles is a pilot in the R. F. C. in France.

Ernie Houghton has been an observer in the R. F. C. and is now in a hospital in England.

Archie Daniels is in England in the Navy Research Department.

Ralph Boles sailed for England with the last draft of the University of Toronto Overseas Training Company, and Merton and Harold Bowes are with the same unit in Toronto.

We regret to say that one of our ex-pupils, Wilfrid McKay, is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

Lawrence Waite is a cadet in the R. F. C. and is at Wycliffe College, Toronto.

Clarence Grieve is with the Army Service Corps in London.

Ernie Daniels is at a Convalescent Home in Seaford, Sussex, England.

Tom Hey is with the Canadian Railway troops in France.

ATHLETICS

D. MACKAY, Editor

FIELD DAY

THE I. C. I. field day was to have been held on Thursday, October 4, but as the weather was not suitable the event was postponed till Friday, October 5th. Friday morning arrived with hardly a cloud in the sky and all looked forward to one of the best field days ever held in Ingersoll. Although the track was a little muddy, all went well till about eleven o'clock when it started to rain. As the rain did not cease, Mr. Shales decided to postpone the remainder of the events till one-thirty, and if the weather was still unsuitable he said that the rest of the day would be a holiday. By one-thirty the rain had ceased and it was decided to go on with the rest of the events although the track was in bad shape.

About four o'clock teams from Woodstock Collegiate and Woodstock College arrived to take part in the open events. The most exciting event of the day was the relay race between teams from Woodstock College and Collegiate and I. C. I. Ingersoll held first place until the last lap when Carson, Woodstock College's star, defeated Ingersoll's man by a small margin.

The Senior boys' championship was won by Garnet Francis.

the Junior boys' by Herbert Crawford and the girls' championship by Shirley Spence. The cup and medals will be presented at the Commencement Exercises.

Next year it is hoped that a union field day can be arranged with all the schools of the county. The probable place for such an event would be at Woodstock Baptist College. If such an event is held, it is easily seen that the I. C. I. fellows must do more training to stand any chance whatever.

RUGBY AT THE I. C. I.

At a meeting of the Athletic Society of the I. C. I. it was decided to purchase a rugby football. There were several practices held but it is not very likely that rugby will become very popular at the I. C. I.

At the practices the players looked more like a bunch of cannibals trying to get at each other than rugby players.

HOCKEY FOR THE COMING TERM

At a meeting of the Athletic Club of the I. C. I. the following executive was elected: Honorary President, Mr. J. Anderson Coulter; President, Eugene Enright; Manager, Mr. H. G. Lockett; Captain, Garnet Francis. The leaders of the rooters' club are Loyd Janes and David Mackay.

Last year the Collegiate team carried away the McCreery cup in the Town League. This year the cup must be defended in the League. The bankers have not entered a team in the league this year but there are still four teams in the running, the Orientals having taken the place of the bankers. The league at present consists of the Four Squares, the Handfords, the Orientals and the I. C. I.

An Interscholastic League has been formed consisting of Woodstock Baptist College, Woodstock Collegiate Institute, Tillsonburg High School and the I. C. I. Mr. J. A. Coulter has given a cup for this league.

A junior team is being organized to play in a league consisting of the schools in the Interscholastic, except Tillsonburg.

Last year the team was handicapped by the lack of equipment, but this year it is hoped that this will not be the case. The members of the team and those interested in hockey have been busy securing subscriptions for Maclean's Magazine to secure equipment and have up to the present been very successful. Last year the members of the team had to pay for their own practices at the rink but this year the rink has been engaged for the season on Monday and Wednesday evening, this being paid for by money from the Maclean canvas.

FORM NOTES

FORM 1A AND 1B

Doing Mother's Shopping—Dotty—What have you in the shape of cucumbers this morning? Grocery Clerk—Nothing but bananas ma'am.

Ode to C—I W.

Roses are red; violets are blue;
I pity the girl, that ever gets you.

Miss T—"You miss half I say Bloor, you don't know what valuable points you might be missing."

FORM II

He Surely Knows What Love Really is

Gordon Macgregor to teacher, in Latin space, "How do you translate "amabar"? Teacher—"I used to be loved."

Wanted—Somebody to love—George J.

The second form were correcting compositions and Miss Tovell was reading one to be corrected. "They were dressed in proper dressing," she read, "Couldn't that be improved?" "Sure" says MacGregor, "They were garbed in proper garbage."

Helen McK—To Form II reporter, "Put me in the "Excelsior" for a joke."

Mother—What makes you cry so John? John—Our teacher is sick-and-and-and, Mother—Did she die? John—No, no, no, she's getting better.

Oh come to Form II if you want to see girls,
We've got 'em in here with all kinds of curls.
Light hair and dark hair, red hair and brown,
And the best of all, they're from Ingersoll town.

JACK'S TROUBLES

School life indeed seems very tough,
And Jack thinks the boys are very rough,
They wired him tight against the wall.
And then there was heard a pitiful bawl.

His legs were fast, the wire was tight,
It was indeed a sorrowful sight.
The bell had rung to Jack's despair,
But still they found him hanging there.

The tears of distress filled his eyes,
And from the cloak-room came pitiful cries,
Each boy was almost splitting his sides
As he looked at the cruel long wire applied.

The boys all retired to their seats,
But up from the stairs a noise that greets,
Betokens the step of Miss Irving,
Who certainly knew that something was stirring.

She appeared at the door with eyes like jewels
And said, whoever it was that broke the rules,
Come here at once and untie poor Jack,
And take this cruel thing from his back.

Then Jack, from his tears, looked up to grin,
And claimed release from the state he was in.
A score of boys to his rescue came,
And Jack's face lit up as he saw the same.

His captive chains had been tied most tight
And it took ten minutes to make things right,
And now poor Jack is ashamed of this thought,
And hates every wire that is iron wrought.

FORM III

Arithmetic in Form III—Miss Hudson: "What do you do next?" Pete: "You multiply ten by two too too." Byerlay: "He thinks he is a Ford."

Form III have lost a very popular class mate in the person of Elda Winlaw. The third form pupils have given vent to their feelings in the following:

Am she gone?—Are she went?

Have her left we all alone? Can us never go to she?

Can her never come to we? It cannot was.

Wants of Room III—Mouse traps.—Miss T.— A few more subjects.—T. Alderson. A chance to talk politics.—R. Smith. A few jack knives.—The girls.

FORM IV

Charles B—t (looking over a three foot fence), "My, but it is nice to be tall."

It has been noticed by Mr. Shales, that Jack MacDonald has been coming into chemistry class a little later than the rest of the boys for the past three weeks. Mr. Shales wondered at this until one day when walking through the fourth form's cloak room he discovered the reason. There tacked on the wall just about Jack's height from the floor, was a mirror. There it was Jack's custom to spend a few moments slicking up his hair and admiring himself. "It is surprising," he remarked one day to Eugene Enright, "How little fellows in our form appreciate good looks."

Santa Claus was very good to most of the I. C. I. pupils. Especially was he good to Charles Fortier, who certainly was taken by surprise when two well known young ladies marched into his place of business, and presented him with a small package neatly wrapped with tissue paper. Go to it, Cap.

FORM V NEWS

The good old Fifth Form is still making remarkable progress in all branches of its work, from Politics to Higher Algebra and thence onward to Greek. At the beginning of the term there were eleven in the room, even had to put an extra seat in, but our attendance has dwindled down to nine. However, what would the school do without the good old fifth. We are bereft of the honour of having the president of the Literary Society this year. But two of three officers of the Cadet Corps stay here. A goodly part of the staff of the "Excelsior" boast of this as home and in all other functions this same little glorious fifth is represented.

Hence, you will, my gentle reader, see that the fifth form is a large place for its size. At least, Miss Irving thinks so.

Moreover we have the pick of the situation. Our room, situated next the office of the staff, overlooks, on one side, the front campus, on the other, the side campus, past which is the sight of the boys' athletics. A remark was made the other day regarding the light. It was stated that five of the nine students have had to resort to the use of glasses. But, since the new blackboard has been installed at the front, it is at least our opinion that some of these five will soon drop the use of artificial eyes, so to speak. We feel that we should not, perhaps, occupy so much space in this paper, but why should the fifth form not have a little corner all for itself. This column has been headed Fifth Form NEWS, but we fear it would be a puzzle for a visitor to find anything new in our corner of the institution.

HEARD IN THE HALLS

A pretty young woman stepped into a music store the other day. She tripped up to the counter where the new clerk was assorting music and in her sweetest tone asked, "Have you 'Kissed me in the Moonlight?'" The clerk half turned round and looked at her, then answered: "It must have been the fellow at the other counter, I have only been here a week".

TWO CHANCES—Cheer up! You have two chances, one of being drafted and one of not; and if you are drafted, you have two chances, one of going to France and one of not; and if you go to France, you have two, one of getting shot, and one of not, and if you get shot, you have two chances, one of dying and one of not, and if you die—well, you still have two chances.

I. C. I. "YELLS"

Ah rippety rippety riff raff
 Ah chippety chiff chaff
 Let's give them the horse laugh,
 Hee Haw.

Someone, anyone, everybody roar,
 I. C. I., I. C. I., loyal to the core
 Rippaty, Rappaty, Riz, Raz, Rux,
 I. C. I., I. C. I., yes that's uz.

Hoggle Boggle hoggle, Boggle Hoggle Boggle Bah
 Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, gaza,
 I. C. I., I. C. I., the school without a flaw,
 Oysters, oysters, raw, raw, raw.

What's the matter with the I. C. I.'s
 They're all right.
 What's the matter with the I. C. I.'s;
 They're all right.
 Their forwards are fast, their defence is right,
 Just keep your eyes on the blue and white.
 What's the matter with the I. C. I.'s?
 They're all right.

INTERSCHOLASTIC DEBATING LEAGUE

AN Interscholastic debating league has been formed consisting of Woodstock Baptist College, Woodstock Collegiate Inst., Stratford Collegiate Inst., and I. C. I. A trophy for this league has been given by Donald Sutherland, M. P. A debating committee was chosen consisting of the members of the staff, A. Odell, H. Stone, E. Enright and A. Page who chose A. Page and D. MacKay to uphold the I. C. I. at the first debate to take place at W. C. I. on Thursday, January 17th, 1918, W. C. I. vs. I. C. I. The subject for this debate is "Resolved that the United States should have entered the present war during the first six months of its duration." I. C. I. has the negative side of the debate.

(Woodstock) Resolved U.S.A. should have entered war during 1st 3 mos.

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