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Cigaretts Must Go, Say Mattoon Girls

The girls are reasons why the young men should stop smoking cigarettes. They have signed a solemn pledge like this:

"I solemnly promise not to keep company with a young man if he smokes cigarettes, and to use my influence against the habit."

This movement started at the Christian Endeavor Society of West Side Christian church last Sunday evening, with twenty-five pledges. It has grown till the number desiring to join has nearly reached a hundred.

The promoters are now seeking to have a thousand girls of Mattoon take the vow.

The returns keep coming in. A few of the girls have hesitated as they said that most every boy smoked cigarettes anyway, and there wouldn't be much of a chance for an escort, if the vow was taken and kept. The reply was prompt, "Do you want to stand around while some boy is smoking a cigaret, or walk up the street with him dangling this silly thing in his teeth, or do you want to smell the nasty smoke?"

"We are going to try to do something for Mattoon," said Mrs. Murphy, "through enlisting the help of all who are interested in boys and young men to cut down the terrible spread in the use of cigarettes."

"The fathers and mothers of Mattoon have been worried by the increase in the use of cigarettes and in the effects that are showing in the young boys who are becoming addicted to the use of these harmful things."

"The new organization we are starting will hold a meeting to perfect its plans for making the membership general. One of our lines of work is to enlist the girls of the city by securing from them a promise not to go around with or accept any attentions from boys who smoke cigarettes. We are finding a great deal of enthusiasm toward the stopping of this habit."

Lincoln Theatre

The new Lincoln theatre is nearing completion and soon we will be seeing some good shows in this theatre. Mr. Francis tries at all times to please his patrons and you will find that we see the late pictures almost as soon as they are shown in larger cities than Charleston. Everyone is hoping that we will get to see some good vaudeville when this theatre opens up.

E. I. Walloped

The E. I. team was given two defeats during the Christmas season. Dec. 22 the Millikin quintet scored 40 points, while the E. I. aggregation scored 18. The game was not as bad as the score indicates. The Millikin boys, confident because of their recent defeat of the Illinois U. squad, thought they would show up our team. At the end of the first half the score was 14 to 9 in favor of Millikin. During the second half, however, the Millikin players, became "hot" and the final score was 40 to 18.

Last Friday night the team played the Southern Illinois Normal team at Carbondale, the score 44 to 22 ending in favor of Carbondale. The Carbondale boys had plenty of team work and had a system which excelled ours.

Entertainments for Saturday Evenings

Jan. 15—Open date.

Jan. 22—Dance.

Jan. 29—Party.

Feb. 5—Open date.

Feb. 12—Dance.

Feb. 19—Girls' Dance.

Feb. 26—Party.

Mar. 12—Dance.

Some of the organizations are planning programs and shows, but as yet no dates have been arranged.

Saturday Night Dance

On Saturday evening a fair sized crowd enjoyed the first dance of the year. Failure to announce the dance in chapel perhaps was partly responsible for the failure of some to show up. Music was furnished by Jazz McNeilly and his jazz artists. Majorie Lynch and Catherine Briggs, Miss Molyneux and Miss Goldman were chaperons.

Class Meetings

The class meetings will occupy the chapel hour on Wednesday morning. Think of something to bring up before your class meeting beforehand, don't wait until 9:00 and then rack your brain for something to discuss.

Sumner Anderson has resigned his position as a yell leader leaving Raymond Phipps to steer the ship alone.

Why not have some volunteers?

Who has the plans for the school parties? We've only had one and the Student Council was to finance parties as well as dances.

Basket Ball Notes

Millikin defeated the U. of I. again and also the U. of Iowa Wabash College defeated Millikin 48-24.

Augustana 26. Ill. Wesleyan 20.

Charleston H. S. 32. Sullivan 20.

Charleston H. S. 20. Bethany 18.

Don't forget the Rose Poly game Wednesday nite!

During the vacation a game was played between two alumni teams.

This was an interesting game and was well attended.

One evening during the vacation the Seniors who live in Charleston had a taffy pull at the home of Vernon E. Barnes on 11th street. The evening was spent in dancing, games and pulling taffy.

McKinley Turner is unable to return to his school duties, owing to illness.

The two Glee clubs and Mr. Koch's pupils are going to unite with the Juniors to make their entertainment a success.

From time to time we have had printed themes written by students of the school, these themes were written by students in the ninth year.

Sliding Down Hill

"Gee!" Jack sputtered. "I got my face full of snow that time."

Jack was a very fat boy. He was now laboring to put behind him those last few feet to the top of the hill.

"I'd as leave climb a mountain as that hill," he pouted as he reached the top.

Jack's brothers and I were sitting on a log at the brink of the hill, and it was now our turn to slide down on the sled. We were hardly half way down the long hill when we were going so fast that it felt that if we were flying. We had not yet reached the bottom when with a cry of "Look out," Jack's brother rolled off. Looking ahead I saw a stump for which the sled was heading. I realized this just in time. Following the example of Jack's brother, I rolled off. I went tumbling, rolling, and kicking until I reached the bottom of a small gully. Getting up I clawed the snow out of my ears and eyes. Climbing to the top of the ditch, I saw Jack's brother by the stump.

"Here's what's left of it," he said, holding up a piece of brook-

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Girls, it is the Young

Men's Turn Now

A number of the youths of the city who have become alarmed at the campaign being started by the girls to boycott the young men who smoke cigarettes, and deprive them of their company until such time as they abstain from the habit, have been doing a bit of quiet thinking and have come to the conclusion that they will not only join the reformers, but that they will go the girls one better.

A club is being formed to try to make out of the girls of today the "kind of girls our mothers were." Hereafter, all self-respecting members of the young men's organization will refuse to keep company with girls who insist upon wearing knee length skirts. They must wear 'em long enough to preclude the possibility of showing the full-length stocking, or the roll-down or "sock" variety. In other words, they must cover up the charms that nature has given them, if any.

They will also refuse to go to dances with girls who wear no corsets, or, wearing them or not, wear low-cut dresses beyond the point where mother wore them when she was a girl.

Another thing that will be taboo will be paint and rouge. The girl who paints her cheeks and uses rouge on her lips will find herself out of luck with the young men. The young men's slogan will be "Lips that touch rouge shall never touch mine."

Silk stockings will also be on the blacklist. Coarse cotton or wool must be worn, so that in case a bit of stocking above the shoe tops is displayed, the sight will not be one that would stir up any but good, pure thoughts.

Girls who shimmy will be out-cast in this new organization. Dancing may be indulged in, but nothing but square dances and the waltz and two-step. Muscular exercise while dancing, other than that necessary to the proper steps, will not be permitted.

Pulled eyebrows in this organization will be like waving a red flag at a bull. "Cootie Garages"—those delicate puffs of hair which the girls are wearing, whether to conceal the ear or for whatever purpose—will be under a strong ban.

Girls who do not sign the above pledges, so the young man starting the movement say, will be out of luck for young men companions. They are bound to stop the unmanly display of the human form divine, if at all possible.

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Who are we to please the minority or the majority? So far this year we have had one school party. This party was held on hallow's'en, and was attended by more students than any party the school has had for a long time. The only kind of entertainments we have had since then besides the carnival are the dances. These dances have been fairly well attended, but if we could have a party once in a while we could only have a little more of the get-together spirit! It looks as if this is a matter for the student council to take up. We have some open Saturday nights coming, so let's have a party which everyone can attend and enjoy himself.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES.

We are continually hearing about the failure of students to attend the dances, but now it is the opposite side. Why will not the faculty act as chaperons? We have recently learned that some of the faculty dodge the duty.

JUST NONSENSE

A number are interested in the crusade against cigarets by the women of Mattoon, and also in the reply the men are making. The whole thing is nonsense, and is taking place simply because some people like to stir up trouble, and want their names to appear in the papers.

We will admit that the cigaret habit is not a very desirable one, but why are there so many youths who have this habit? During the past week we often heard such quotations as this: "Oh, Mr. Jones, give us some money for our fund to buy tobacco for the boys." The boys were given free cigarets, and bawling time banging heavily on their hands they began smoking. That is one reason why the boys have the habit.

Let a boy have lots of spare time with nothing to do, or no place to go, and the first thing you know he'll be smoking. Instead of raising funds to carry on a campaign

against cigarets, just take the money and build a well-equipped community house, and the smokers will decrease. Instead of inhaling a "pill" to while the time away, a fellow can go to this house and play basketball, box, wrestle, or swim, or if he is not inclined to athletics, he can play billiards or pool, or can read.

There are many other more profitable ways in which money could be spent than by circulating pamphlets, advertising, etc. This nonsense will not stop the use of cigarets, but rather encourage the habit, as everyone knows that a person when told he cannot do a certain thing experiences a feeling of "I'll just show them whether I can or not." If a person is shown the disadvantages of the habit, he is more likely quit than when commanded to.

Perhaps it is a bit off the subject, but why all this campaign against the boys only? Boys and men are not the only users of cigarets. If one has noticed the papers lately, he has read of department stores and theatres having smoking rooms for women, and there are pictures also of society women with their expensive cigaret holders.

Who are these agitators? We do not know, but we have our opinion. Several years ago there was published a cartoon which we think represents these people. This cartoon was a sour-faced old maid sitting in a chair holding a cat as if at her feet was a dog. Below the picture was printed, "Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine."

If this group is successful in this campaign, in all probability, cigars and pipes will be next on the list. The people pushing the blue laws are certainly an optimistic (?) group.

It took us centuries to reach the place we are now at, but yet some people want us to go back to the good old days (?) of the Puritan age.

The comeback of the Mattoon males contains a few good points, but on the whole it is only "tommyrot." In an attempt to keep up with the women they offered their reply.

The entire affair is all nonsense and we hope it spreads no farther than Mattoon.

Mr. Crowe who has been absent from his school duties on account of illness, met his class last Saturday.

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CORRECT. PARTNER, CORRECT
You are always wanting eggs for the Inc. Why don't you ask Mr. Thomas for some of those he gives his classes, especially the first day after vacation? A. B. C.

WHO SAID SPRING WAS HERE?
Have you noticed the dandelions just south of the main building?

SOME CALCULATION!
A member of the hygiene class has calculated that if a dog wished to commit suicide he would have to consume 600 cigars.

WANTED—LUX ET TENEBRIS*
Wonder how X. Y. Z—1 knows so much about the E. I. boys' shining propensities. C. O. C. B.
*Light out of darkness.

An alumnus who was passing a standard school wondered audibly why they name so many schools the same.

Does "Stomp" Hood spend the weekend at Arcola like he used to?
B. E. S. XIII.

A visitor to the school the other day was told that the football squad had received their sweaters for making the team. After walking down the corridor once, he asked: "How many girls made the team this year?" B. E. Z. IIIX.

ALL OF THEM
A week has passed since the making of those resolutions. Have you any idea how many of them have been broken?

JUST A FEW OUTBURSTS
Whatchagetfor Xmas?
Ain't she keen?
Who are you going to invite to the girls' dance?
Too bad the suit case was too small.

Wonder when she'll get back?
Gee whiz, a full house!

A GENTLE REMINDER
Girls, Leap year does not come again until 1924.

HEARD IN CHAPEL
What! Teacher in a college!
Why, look at the way the students poke fun at the faculty! I should say not!—Exchange.

IT'S SCHEDULED
AS BASKETBALL
What kind of a game is going to be played in the gym Wednesday night? H. O.

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on piece of broken wood and bent
steel.

Just then a peal of laughter
came to us on the wind. Look-
ing us we saw Jack holding his
sides and rocking with laughter.

A Brave Girl

Yes, they had really left. They
had finished promising me that
my sister would be there soon,
maybe even before they were out
of sight. They had each given
me at least a dozen last instruc-
tions, and hugged and kissed me
goodby. My nine years rebelled.
Anyone should know that a child
who is nine years old can take
care of himself, and, besides, I
hate being hugged and kissed,
especially by Aunt Edith.

I stood in the hall feeling very
big and hoped that sister would
be detained until the rest of the
family returned. Suddenly from
the walls where they had clung
until I was unprotected, came
flocking and rushing down on
me all the stories that had been
told last night just before I went
to bed. I remembered about the
former inmates, the one who had
gone mad over a book in the
spare bedroom, the one who had
left a skeleton in the small closet
upstairs, and several others who
were said to have left their
ghosts.

I jumped and almost uttered a
scream. Was that a face peep-
ing through the curtains? Were
those not awful eyes peeping
through the glass? The face
vanished before I had taken but
a blurred glance at it. Then I
laughed, but not aloud, for there
was the object for which my eyes
had conjured into a fanciful face.
It was nothing but a small friend-
ly tree.

All my former emotions were
as nothing to the feeling which
opposed me when I heard three
distinct taps sounding hollowly
through wood. I stood frozen
to the mat before the door which
led into the dining room. I
thought of all the horrid things
which three taps had helped into
being and of all the horrible
people who used this as a signal.
Gathering courage, I tiptoed to
the window and peeped out from
behind the curtains hoping upon
hope to see sister coming. In-
stead of my sister, I saw, patient-
ly standing on the porch awaiting
a response to her knocks, a little
neighbor girl. I let her in, try-
ing my best not to let her see
how frightened I was. Soon I
persuaded her that playing out
of doors was more fun than play-
ing there. Out in the open all
apparitions which had haunted
me reluctantly took wing, and we
only played until sister came. Of
course, she expressed all the
thoughts that older people will
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