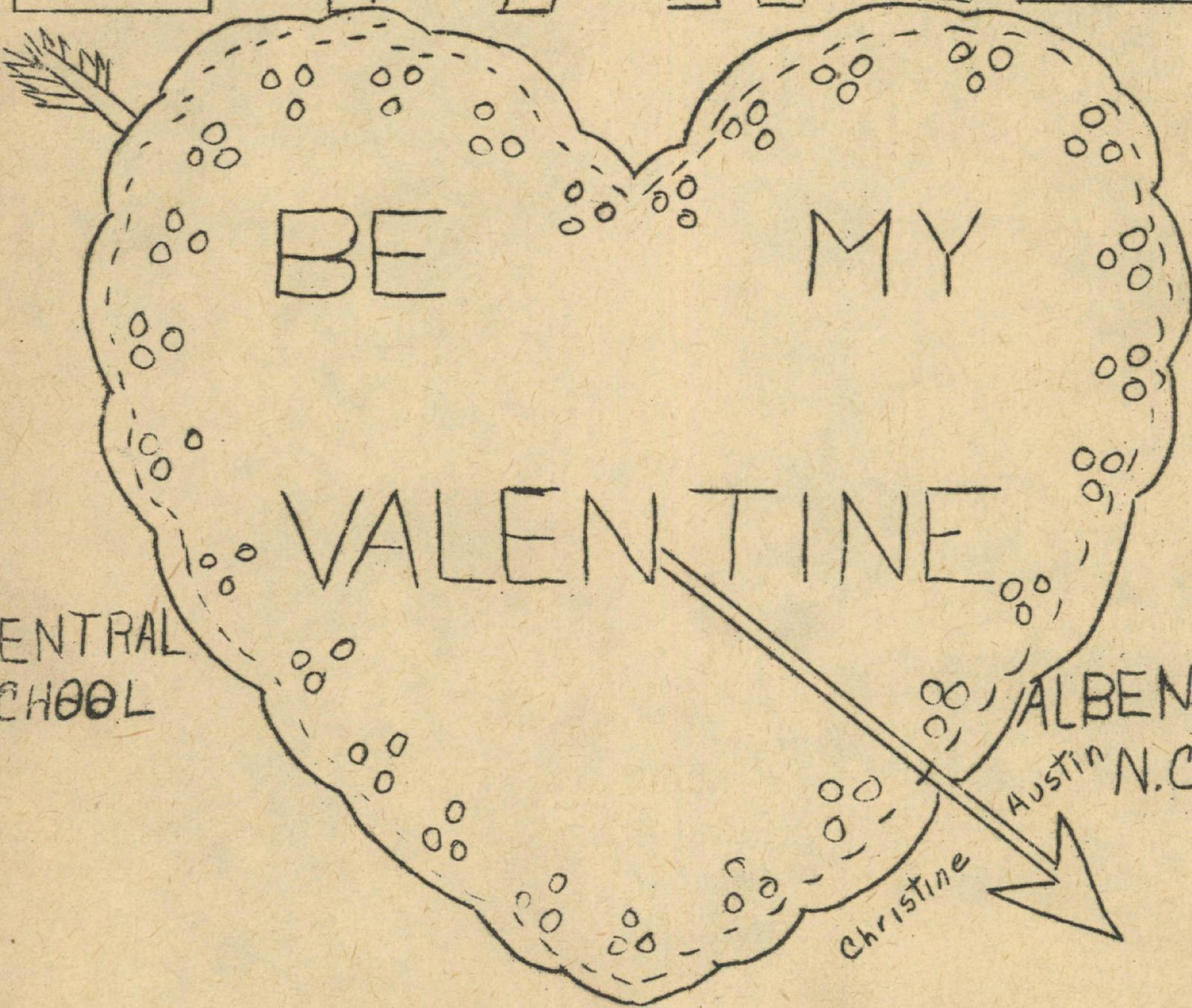


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# THE SEVEN STARS



CENTRAL  
SCHOOL

ALBEMARLE  
Austin N.C.

*Christine*



started to go in the house, but then we saw it appear in the northwest. It was very pretty.

The Aurora Borealis is caused by a spot on the sun. It usually comes after sunset and is accompanied by a crackling noise. While it is forming, it affects radios, telephones, telegraph, and lots of other electrical things. It also disconnected the short-wave system between New York and London.

- Dotty Whitley, Gr. 6

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We read about Eskimos. We read about Marie Ahnighito Peary too. She was a little white girl born in the cold north. That is why she had such a queer name. She was called Ahnighito for the Eskimo woman who made her first clothes. Marie's father found the North Pole. On our map we saw "North Pole, Peary, April 6, 1909." That is when he discovered the North Pole.

- Jane Redwine, Gr. 2

This is the way Marie Dressed.



- Miriam Whitley

CLASS NEWS

The Hobby Club has fourteen members and they are enjoying their work. Some of the members enjoy the Hobby Lobby programs over the radio. At present the club is interested in weaving baskets.

Dan Youngblood, a member of the club, has chosen for his hobby Stamp Collecting. He has one of the most varied collections we know of. He has a collection that will perhaps become very valuable.

One of the most exciting events in the seventh grade at the present time is the magazine campaign. The grade is sponsoring sales of the Curtis Publications. These are: Ladies Home Journal, Country Gentleman, and Saturday Evening Post. The contest lasts for one-week. Fifth percent of the proceeds go into the class treasury. The entire seventh grade is taking part in this contest.

The seventh grade is also enjoying its art work. At the beginning of the year each member of the class made note books. The first page designed for each book was suitable for the first covers. Later on pages of spatter prints, finger paints and Christmas designs were added. The class is making designs suitable for tile, linoleum and wall paper.

-Juanita Lawrence and  
Novaleen Bullock, Gr. 7

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OUR POST OFFICE

We have a post office in our room. It looks like a real one. We made it. The outside is brown. There is an American flag waving over it. On top of one corner stands a wooden soldier with a gun. He is dressed in red, white and blue. On the other corner is a globe of the world.

Inside the post office is a window. There are red, white and blue boxes on each side. Every box has a number. Under the window are places to put local mail, out of room mail, and air mail. We get our local mail out of the boxes. The out of room mail is carried to other rooms on a mail truck. The air-mail goes out of the building in a bag tied to a U. S. mail plane. We go to the post office for our mail at one o'clock. The mail goes out at different times during the day.

Jack is the Postmaster General. He plays that he lives in Washington, D. C. He appointed Miss Doby, post office

inspector; Wilma, postmistress; Harold, mail carrier; and Tommie, Mail pilot. He has stamps printed with the picture of Pop-eye. The stamps are sent to the postmistress. She sells them for play money. Each one of us rents a box for one dollar a week. She sends all the money to Washington. Then Jack sends his workers their pay through the mail. Our class has a big time playing post office. We can hardly wait until mail time.

-Third Grade Class

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#### BOYS TAKE A TUMBLE

Gene Helms and Claude Furr had a spill from Claude's bicycle Wednesday afternoon when the pedal touched the asphalt. Their books and papers were scattered about on the street. I think they were going too fast.

DRIVE SLOW! SAVE A LIFE!

-John Oxford, Gr. 6

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#### OUR CANARY

Our room got a nice Christmas present. Jeannine's mother gave us a pretty canary.

Argene's mother gave us a red bird cage.

We named the canary Bobby Bird.

Bobby Bird sings and sings for us.

We like to have him in our school room.

We feed him bird seed, bird gravel, bird charcoal and bird biscuit.

He likes to eat lettuce, apple and toast.

We give him fresh water every day.

Bobby Bird has a bath two times a week.

- First Grade

Miss Meares

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We have some new readers. We are studying about growing plants from seeds. Jane brought some dirt. Miriam brought some beans and peas. We put some of these seed in a glass jar to watch them grow and sprout. They swelled bigger and bigger. One bean seed is sprouting.

- Jerry Furr, Gr. 2

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#### OUR DOLL

Santa Claus brought us a doll.

She has blue eyes.

She has brown hair.

She has dimples.

We think she is pretty.

We named her Betsy.

We have a good time playing with Betsy.

We are going to build a house for her. Come to see us when it is finished.

- First Grade  
Miss Whitley

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#### MY DOLL

You should see my new doll. She has very pretty clothes. I play with her every day.

- Betty Jo Hatley, Gr. 2

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#### BIG FRISKY

We had a little squirrel named Frisky. Our little squirrel died.

We have another squirrel we call Big Frisky.

Big Frisky lives in the green cage we made for the little squirrel.

We feed him apple, corn, nuts, cabbage and lettuce.

We give him fresh water every day.

He is not friendly with us.

We will be kind to him so he will be happy in our school room.

- First Grade

Miss Meares

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#### BUFFALOES AND INDIANS RUN AWAY

The nickels with buffaloes on one side and Indian heads on the other, will soon be done away with.

The new nickels that are being made will have on one side the head of Thomas Jefferson and on the other his home "Monticello".

They expect to finish them by next year.

- Jerry Foreman, Gr. 7

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#### OLIVES

We are studying about olives in our geography. We have learned that they are picked from the trees to keep them from being bruised. If they are to be pickled, they must be gathered while they are green. Oil is taken from the ripe ones and sold to all parts of the world. Some olive trees live to be a hundred years old.

- Geraldine Boone, Gr. 4

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Mary bought a little watch,

She swallowed it on the way home.

Now every where that Mary goes,

Time marches on.

- Mary Jackson Lefler,  
Gr. 7

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OUR NEWSPAPER OFFICE

Our newspaper office is a busy place every Wednesday evening. The reporters from the different rooms come rushing in with their news. Bobby and I are kept busy taking names and counting the money for subscriptions. The following day we take the money to the bank to put on deposit until it is needed. Miss Boby and Miss Beam are busy being careful that nothing gets lost and looking over all the interesting news.

- Kelly Jordan

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The business managers of "The Seven Stars" are pleased with the number of subscriptions received from different rooms. At the present time, we have two hundred and sixty-three subscribers. We think there is one going into almost every home represented in our school. The children in Mrs. Saunders's, Mrs. Patterson's, and Miss Doby's rooms are one hundred percent. They will get the half-hour holiday.

- Bobby Redwine

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RUDE \* POLITE

Which things are polite?  
Which things are rude?

1. Talking when someone else is talking.
2. Running in the halls.
3. Saying "Good morning" to your teacher.
4. Pushing at the door.
5. Waiting your turn.
6. Passing in front of people.
7. Opening the door for someone.
8. Standing when older people rise.
9. Using a handkerchief when you cough or sneeze.
10. Listening when someone is talking to you.
11. Saying "Thank you" for kindness.
12. Taking the biggest piece.
13. Speaking softly.
14. Being on time for meals.
15. Slamming doors.
16. Taking big bites.

- Second grade.

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RIDDLES

1. White as snow and not snow,  
Green as grass and not grass,  
Red as blood and not blood,  
Black as soot and not soot.

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2. What grows in the winter,  
Dies in the summer  
And stands with its roots upward?
3. When did George Washington first  
take a carriage by himself?
4. What is seen twice in every day and  
four times in every week but only  
once in a year?
5. Two men were returning from a fishing  
trip. One man said, "If you will  
give me one of your fish, I will have  
just as many as you." The other man  
said, "No, if you will give me one  
of your fish I will have twice as many  
as you. How many fish did each one  
have?"
6. What has four legs,  
One body,  
A long neck,  
And no head?
7. Use me well and I am everyone who  
passes by. Scratch my back and I  
am nobody. Who am I?
8. What goes over the hills, through the  
fields and through the woods and  
doesn't leave but one track?
9. What has many ties and no shirt?
10. What seven letters of the alphabet  
did the old woman say when she look-  
ed into the empty flour barrel?

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PROBLEM

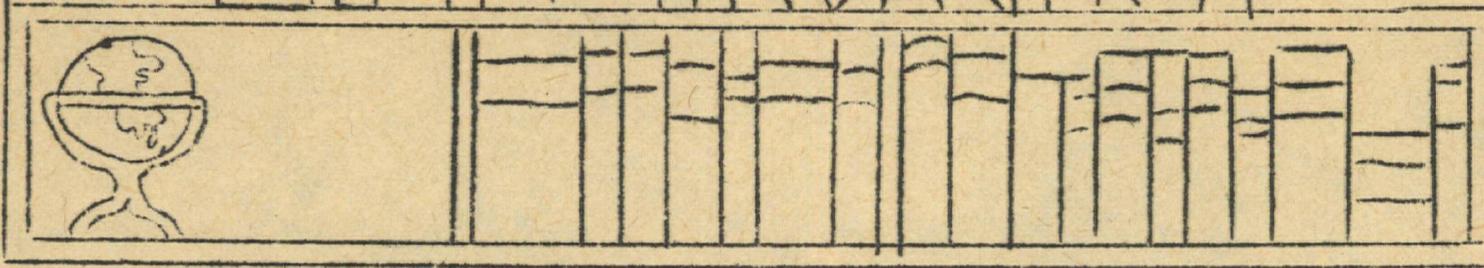
A farmer was planting an orchard. He ordered twenty Alberta peach trees. He said that he would set them in five rows, with four in each row. The nursery man did not have twenty of that kind. He sent him ten. The farmer was mad. He said, "I will not be out-done! I am going to set the ten trees in five rows with four in each row." He did! How did he do it?

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He'd be lonely-  
You can lead a horse to water,  
But you can't make him drink;  
You can send a boy to school,  
But you can't make him think.

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# LITERARY



## VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is coming  
 With a great big problem too,  
 My heart is too large to send by mail,  
 Shall I send it by freight to you?

-Rhoda Russell, Gr. 5

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## SNOW

The snow is falling oh, so fast.  
 I am afraid it will not last;  
 When it falls it makes no sound,  
 It falls and lies on the ground.

The snow is gone, I am so sad.  
 I like to play with many a lad.  
 But it will come again next year,  
 I know it will; I do not fear.

-Vanonda Crisco, Gr. 5

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## CHRISTMAS

Oh! what a pretty sight  
 In the houses at night,  
 On Christmas night,  
 On Christmas night.

Christmas trees outside,  
 Christmas trees inside,  
 They all look just alike.  
 Oh! what a pretty sight,  
 All on Christmas night.

-Paul Lowder, Gr. 3

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## JANUARY

January is here and we are looking for  
 snow,

We have seen nothing white but we've  
 heard the wind blow.

I hope all this waiting won't be a  
 dream,

Because I must confess that I like  
 snow cream.

- Flossie Fesperman,  
Gr. 6

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## FEBRUARY

February is here  
 With its cold winter days,  
 You hardly ever feel  
 The sun's hot rays.

You can see the trees  
 That are dead.  
 You hardly ever see  
 A flower's pretty head.

- Mary Ellen Milton, Gr. 6

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Look at the snowman  
 So round and big and fat  
 I wonder how long he'll be wearing  
 That old black hat!

-Eleanor Mullinis, Gr. 2

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## VALENTINE'S

When I send a Valentine  
 They always say, "Will you be mine?"  
 The rhymes are all so nice and sweet,  
 They bring you love and joy,  
 They often show a picture of  
 A pretty girl and boy.

The valentines sometimes are colored  
 Red, yellow, pink, and blue.  
 They always remind me dear  
 Of some one sweet like you.  
 So Valentine's Day is really fun  
 When you send Valentines to everyone.

- Louise Efird, Gr. 5

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## THE MOON

The moon was floating in the sky,  
 A pumpkin saw it there on high.  
 The little orange thing on the ground  
 Said, "I wish I were big and round".

Very soon that pumpkin grew big and round.  
 It lay quite still on the cold ground.  
 And when it looked up on high,  
 There was the same moon in the sky.

- Robbie Sharkey, Gr. 4

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TREES

The trees were so pretty when they were  
red and gold,  
But when Jack Frost came they got very  
cold,  
And all the leaves died away  
But they'll come back to us.  
Spring is not far away!

- Foy Blanche Curlee, Gr. 5  
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A SONG

Once I heard a little bird.  
It was high up in a tree  
And it was singing just to me.  
It was singing beautiful melody.  
While it sang I counted one, two, three.  
I was keeping time with the little bird  
That I heard singing as I was swinging  
Under the maple tree.

-Elizabeth Luther, Gr. 4  
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We have been studying about birds.  
We like the stories. They are fun.  
Here are some of the stories our class  
has written.

-Betty Taylor, Gr. 2  
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THE ROBIN

The robin is a cousin of the blue-  
bird and the thrushes. He is one of  
the first birds to come in the spring.  
Every day he eats three or four times  
his weight in worms. When the baby  
birds cry for more and more food the  
mother and father robin get thin try-  
ing to feed them. They eat a little  
fruit, but they pay for it. Mr. Robin  
sings a cheerful song.

-Second Grade  
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BLUEBIRDS

This is January. The bluebird is  
here. He is one of the most beautiful  
birds. Bluebirds build their nests  
in old woodpecker holes. They build  
in boxes put up by people. Shirley  
saw a pair of bluebirds building their  
nest in a big oak tree. The mother  
lays from four to six bluish-white  
eggs. The baby birds eat insects and  
canker worms. The mother and father  
eat berries and fruit too.

- Second Grade  
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THE RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

"Rappety-rappety-rappety-rap!  
How do you like my bright red cap?"

The red-headed woodpecker is the  
most beautiful member of his family.  
His red, black, and white colors are

easy to see. He is noisy when he is  
building his nest and when he is  
digging for food. He digs a hole in an  
old tree or old post for a nest. He  
likes fruit, but he pays for it because  
he eats so many insects. He is a famous  
dragon fly and beetle catcher. He is  
like the squirrel. He stores up nuts  
for winter.

-Second Grade  
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A VALENTINE SURPRISE

Jimmy lived in America in a poor  
section of New York.

One day when Jimmy came home from  
school he said, "Mother, I'd like to buy  
a lot of valentines for all my friends."

"Jimmy, dear," said his mother, "we  
do not have so much money as most of your  
friends, and I'm afraid we will have to  
do without valentines this year."

"Oh," said Jimmy and went out to play.

After a while Jimmy came running  
back with a large purse in his hand.

"Mother, look what I have found! Isn't  
it wonderful? Now I can buy some valen-  
tines!"

His mother looked at him and said,  
"Let me see it, Jimmy. Why it has some-  
one's name in it. You must return it  
at once."

Jimmy took the purse to the address.  
He came to a big, beautiful house and  
rang the doorbell. A butler answered  
his ring and showed him in.

When the owner saw him and heard his  
story, he said, "Since you are honest  
enough to return it, you may keep it."

Jimmy was the happiest boy in the  
whole world. When he had told his mother  
what happened, her face lighted up with  
happiness because there was a one-  
hundred dollar bill in the purse.

"Now I can buy valentines for all  
my friends," shouted Jimmy in delight.  
"It pays to be honest, doesn't it?"

- Angeline Phillips, Gr.7  
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A FARMER

I would like to be a farmer and  
live in the country. I would have a  
garden, chickens, a cow, a horse, a pig,  
and a good dog. I would have a big  
cornfield with the blue sky over head.  
I think I could be very happy on a farm.

- Hoyle Hathcock, Gr.4  
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MEDITERRANEAN LANDS

Many flowers grow along the coast of the Mediterranean. Those which grow there in large fields are roses, sweet-peas, violets, carnations, and a number of others. Many of these flowers are made into perfumes, and some of the perfumes are used in making scented soaps. In December, January, and February the flower gardens are beautiful. The climate is so mild that people come there from all parts of the world to spend their winters.

- Helen Boone, Gr. 4

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THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

The Strait of Gibraltar is a narrow gateway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. At this place the sea is only nine miles wide. You can stand on the southern shore and see the land on the northern shore.

- Joe Youngblood, Gr. 4

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AN ESKIMO BOOK

"Our Little Friends of Eskimo Land" by Frances Carpenter is a very interesting book. We have learned many things from it. Eskimos are very different from us. Many things they do seem queer to us. They do not sleep in night clothes. They sleep between skins on an ice bench. The mothers wash their babies faces with their tongues. The dogs wear shoes so the ice will not cut their feet. Papik and Natsek are the main characters in the book. They are two Eskimo children. In summer they hunted most of the time. They hunted birds, eggs, and fish. It was such a good book we did not want to leave them.

- Max Bogle, Gr. 3

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AN UNUSUAL PET

One warm, sunny day I was walking in our back yard when a quail flew down and started eating with the chickens. I quickly jumped behind a bush to watch him. Finally he came up and got a drink of water. He began walking around with a hen and her biddies. Can you imagine my surprise next morning on finding him asleep with the biddies under the hen? He has made his home with us now for six months.

-Walter Lane McColl, Gr.

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PROTECTING LITTLE FOLKS

My duty as a traffic officer is on the hotel corner.

The little children come running as fast as they can from school. I hold out my hands if the light is green for the cars and stop them. When the light is red for the cars I tell them to go. I watch until they get safely across the street; then I go home to lunch.

- Gene Helms, Gr. 6

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Albemarle, N. C.

January 27, 1938

Dear Herman,

It was too cold to play outdoors yesterday evening. My mother read us a story. It told how love apples came to be called tomatoes. It said that long ago people thought they were poison until a little girl ate one. When they saw that it didn't hurt her they put them in their vegetable garden. I liked the story.

Your friend,  
Avalyne Thomas

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Albemarle, N. C.

Jan. 27, 1938

Dear Lita Mae,

My mother has a pin-cushion. It is pink. It has two dogs on it. They have their heads together. One of them has a ribbon around its neck. The other one has a rag tied around its leg. I will let you see it sometime.

Your friend,  
Wilma Coe

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Albemarle, N. C.

Jan. 31, 1938

Dear Donald,

Malcolm came to see me yesterday evening. We took an old wagon that I had made and put some wires on it. Then we hitched my swing behind it. We played that we had an electric train. I wanted to go to Charlotte. Malcolm drove the train and I rode in the swing. Then I drove the train to Greensboro for Malcolm. If you will come to see me, we will play train.

Your friend,  
Harold Kirk

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Albemarle, N. C.  
February 1, 1938

Dear Harold Kirk,

I am sorry I did not come to see you Tuesday evening. I will give you ten cents for your wagon. If you want to make a deal come to see me at my desk. I would like to have the wagon. I wish I could pay you twenty-five cents but I haven't got the money.

Your friend,  
Frank Auman

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#### WHAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOES FOR THE SCHOOL

Not long ago the health officer and two nurses from the Health Department spent several days in our school giving physical examinations to the children in the first, fourth, and eighth grades. Since this work is new in Stanly County, an interview was held with Dr. W. N. McKenzie, the health officer, to find out just what the department does for the school.

Dr. McKenzie's work as health officer is to examine the children for any defects and to vaccinate the young children for smallpox before they start to school.

The public health nurses are Miss Frances Barnette and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Cooper. Their work is to assist Dr. McKenzie in giving examinations and to visit the homes of the children who are absent because of contagious diseases. They do everything they can to keep these diseases from spreading.

The sanitary officer is Mr. Dwight Stokes. His work is to inspect the playgrounds, cafeteria, sewage, lighting equipment, and the general conditions of the school.

Miss Marianne Mann is the office clerk. Her work is to distribute health literature and to keep the records of the school examinations.

Dr. Carl Moore, the school dentist, is not a member of the Health Department in Stanly County, but is a member of the State Board of Health in Raleigh. His work for our school is to examine all the children's teeth and if necessary make repairs or send them to their regular dentist.

The Health Department is a valuable addition to the life of Albemarle, and we should all take advantage of the opportunities it offers.

- Frances Mann, Gr. 6

#### OUR SCHOOL FURNITURE

Our school is well equipped for about seven hundred pupils. Our parents have paid taxes to buy it for us. Most of the desks came from High Point and Hickory, N. C. Hickory has the largest desk factory in the South. Most school furniture is made of oak and maple. The maple is usually painted with a cherry finish. Our desks cost about six dollars each. Each room from the second through the seventh has about forty desks. The desks in each room cost about two hundred and forty dollars. All the desks, tables, and chairs in the school cost over three thousand dollars. The auditorium has good seats for four hundred and sixteen people. We have forty-five folding chairs for the new music room. There are extra chairs and tables for us on the stage, at assembly, for meeting of the council, newspaper staff, and committee meetings. The first grades have low tables and little chairs. Each teacher has a good desk. The office is well equipped with the best office furniture. The teachers rest room is furnished comfortably and tastefully. Our library furniture is modern in every way. All the boys and girls are proud of our nice furniture, and are trying to keep it looking its best.

- Dick Morrow

Jimmy Sifford, Gr. 5

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#### THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

The school cafeteria is a real factor in the life of the school child and the community. Besides being a convenience to busy mothers who work outside the home, it plays an important part in the health of the child by making it possible for him to supplement a cold lunch with something hot or a glass of milk.

This year the school cafeteria is under W. P. T. supervision with Mrs. L. J. Skidmore as local supervisor. She has complete charge of planning meals, buying supplies and equipment, and arranging menus. Her helpers are Mrs. C. Fesperman, Mrs. Hattie Poplin, Mrs. Ann Broadway, and Ann Gilliam, a seventh grade girl who is cashier. These women in their spotless uniforms are always on hand to prepare meals, serve them, and help the smaller children to choose the right kind of food.

The cafeteria, in its color scheme of green and orange is equipped with an

refrigerator, electric stove, and tables and chairs to seat around fifty. It serves foods at cost that are both reasonable and palatable. Any child can get all he needs for lunch for ten, fifteen or twenty cents. The plate lunch varies daily, but children can always get soup, salads, sandwiches, milk, cakes, pies, and ice-cream.

- Bill Hatley, Gr. 7

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#### THE SCHOOL BOARD

(From an interview with Mr. F. N. Patterson)

There are six people on the school board. They are Mesdames W. G. Efird, L. O. Parker and Messers. E. M. Henning, J. H. Morrow, H. C. Turner and F. N. Patterson. They meet in Mr. Grigg's office at the high school whenever it is necessary to meet. They are elected by the votes of the citizens of Albemarle for a term of six years. The members of the school board are not paid. They do this work because they are good citizens and are interested in education. The chief duties of the school board are the employment of teachers and the handling of money to run the schools.

- Mary Joe Baker, Gr. 6

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#### THE SOUTHERNMOST CITY IN THE WORLD

Magellanes, famous as the southernmost city in the world, was founded by the Chilean government as a place to send prisoners. Later when coal was discovered there, the part began to thrive as a coaling station.

When the Panama Canal was opened, the importance of Magellanes as a coaling station was lessened. However, its prosperity continued to increase because great sheep ranches were opened in southern Chile and Argentina, and the products from these ranches were sent to Magellanes for export. Several large plants for freezing mutton have been established in the town and from it, is shipped the greater part of the mutton and wool important in Chile's export trade.

- Reece Eudy, Gr. 7

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#### THE HIGHEST CAPITAL CITY IN THE WORLD

La Paz, more than twelve thousand feet above sea level is the capital of Bolivia, and is the highest capital city

in the world. It is a picturesque city, not only because of its rare setting at the bottom of a deep gash in the plateau, but also because of the people one sees there. Indian women wearing heavy shawls and gay woolen skirts, and Indian men in their brightly dyed ponchos are intermingled with natives and whites in conventional European dress.

An odd thing about La Paz is that Sunday is its market day. On Saturdays the people travel to market carrying their products on mules and llamas. At the market they arrange their products for sale in open booths on the street, and all day they squat beside their wares trying to sell them to all passersby. La Paz is the chief Indian market of South America.

- Mary Jackson Lefler

Yvonne Foreman, Gr. 7

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#### A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Danny walked to and fro in his small room. Questions were rolling around in his head. What would he give Margy? Where would he get the money? What would Margy like?

Danny was a little boy eight years old, and now the Valentine's Day was just around the corner he wanted to give Margy, the most popular girl in the room a present. Last year he gave her a box of candy, but Jimmy Larks won her attention by a cute little ring. Now, what could Danny give Margy so he could change places with Jimmie? This was the main question troubling Danny.

A week passed and Danny's bank contained only fifteen pennies. This wouldn't help any for couldn't Mr. Larks give Jimmie any amount of money he wanted? Danny's mother and father weren't as well-to-do as the Larks; so Danny didn't have much of a chance for pretty little Margy.

It was now the day for St. Valentine to make his annual visit. The old school bell gayly rang out for the classes to be called together. Danny walked gloomily into the room, because the only thing he had for Margy were some handkerchiefs. Everyone was happy except him because the class was given free tickets to the big circus which had just come to town. As Danny was gazing around the room his eyes landed on Margy and Jimmie. Margy too seemed unhappy, and Danny over-heard some of the con-

versation.

"What's wrong, Marge?"

"Oh, Jimmie, I've wanted so much to go to the circus this afternoon, but I can't! Mrs. Woods wants me to take care of her little boy this afternoon. I can't refuse because she told me she couldn't get anyone else, and she gives me cookies 'most everyday."

"Gee, Marge, that's terrible. I sure am sorry," was all Jimmie could say.

As it was time for arithmetic nothing more was said. All during the morning Danny was wondering how he could help Margy. At last he came to a conclusion. He thought to himself, "There's a circus every year so it won't hurt to miss this one. I can go next year, and take care of Mrs. Wood's little boy this afternoon!" The more Danny thought of his new idea the more he liked it.

Finally the dinner bell rang. Danny quickly ran down the street. When he got to Mrs. Wood's house he dashed up the steps and rang the door bell. Mrs. Woods answered the door, "Well, if it isn't the little boy who lives in the next block. Come on in."

"Thanks, but I haven't time. I just wanted to ask you if I could take care of your little boy this afternoon, and let Margy go to the circus. Please let me," begged Danny.

"I didn't know Margy wanted to go to the circus," said Mrs. Woods. "I wouldn't want Margy to miss it. Are you sure you won't mind?"

"Course not", answered Danny.

"That's very nice of you to want to do this for Margy. All right, I'll let you, but be sure you come right after school."

"Gee! Thanks. Now Margy can have fun at the circus,"- and thought to himself, "with - with Jimmie!"

Danny walked home dumbfounded. What had he done? Now at the circus Jimmie would buy Margy popcorn, drinks, peanuts and everything. That would put Jimmie still ahead for Margy's attention, but now that the damage was done, Danny would have to go through with it. A sad little boy walked home, ate his dinner, and slowly walked back to school. As he was passing Margy's house, who would come out to meet him but Margy!

"Gee, Danny, Mrs. Woods told me all about what happened. That was very nice of you, but I've decided to go to the circus tonight anyway. What do you say? Let's both keep Mrs. Wood's baby this afternoon and since father bought an extra ticket, you can go with us!"

"Honest? Do you really mean it?" Danny's heart again sank, "B-but what about Jimmie?"

"Oh, Jimmie, I don't like him anymore. He wouldn't have done what you did. Let's forget him."

"Oh, yes, I forgot to tell you, that was the loveliest box of hankies you gave me. From now on I'm going to choose you instead of Jimmie to be on my side when we play games at school!"

- Carolyn Stone, Gr. 7

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#### OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

The library is the Cinderella of our school. Once it was only a small colorless room with home-made shelves and furniture. The books were not pretty and there was no regular librarian.

Now when you go into our library, you see a very different looking place from the one I just described. The partition between it and the next room was removed, the floors waxed and polished, and the books all mended and new ones bought. There are ten oak tables in the library each of which seats six people. Miss Patterson is our librarian and there is a large desk for her to use in her work.

Not only is our library useful, but it has been made beautiful with an aquarium, three original paintings, pottery, and a copy of an old Greek statue "The Thorn Boy".

Every class has a period in the library once a week. In each class there are two librarians who tell the people at each table when they may select their books. They also stamp the books and help with any other library work.

We hope our library will be unlike Cinderella and not change back into the old bare, small, colorless room at twelve o'clock. We are very proud of it and we are trying to keep it as pretty as it is now.

- Frances Mann, Gr. 6

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# SOCIAL NEWS

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Master Cecil Milton is absent from school today. He has gone to Charlotte to have his tonsils removed. Feb. 4th.

-Henry Lowder-Room Reporter  
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Mary Ann Prince has moved to New York City. We are sorry she has gone.

-Daphene Poplin, Gr. 3  
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Our class is growing smaller. Aron Harris has moved to Mount Gilead, N. C. Malcolm Kimroy left Friday for Asheboro, N. C. We hope they will like their new schools.

- Wilma Coe  
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Miss Frances Barnett gave a health talk at the Primary chapel Friday, February 4. She told how she would live up to the health rules all through a day if she were a little girl again.

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Mrs. Malcolm Prater told the story "Ezekiel Goes to the Fair" to the Primary children in chapel January 28.

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On Friday, February 11, our room will give a chapel program. We will play Hansel and Gretel.

- Mazon Wilkinson, Gr. 3  
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## THE LITTLE THEATER

We have a little red theater. It has a little stage and a pretty yellow curtain that moves up and down.

We go to the theater. We sit in little chairs. We watch for the little curtain to go up.

Two mice are playing at our theater this week. The name of the show is "The Little Mouse and the Strangers". Our show is free.

- Ruby Morris, Gr. 2  
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## ROTARY CLUB PROGRAM

Our grade gave a program at the Rotary Club. We had a good time and hope they will ask us again. Some of our boys want to be Rotarians when they are grown.

- Ticka Senter, Gr. 6  
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At chapel on January 7, 1938, Rev. J. S. Gibbs told us a Bible story. The story was about Samaan. It was very interesting.

We sang twelve songs from our new song book. Two we acted. Carrie Burris and Tommy Wolfe directed the music.

- Anne Powell, Gr. 3  
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## MUSIC CLUB

At a recent meeting of the Music Club the following new officers were elected; President, Mary Jackson Lefler; Vice-president, Mazelle Holt; Secretary and Treasurer, Angeline Phillips. Each one said that she would do her best to make the work of the club a success. With the help of the leader, Mrs. Almond, and the capable officers, we are sure to have a good club this semester.

- Ruth Townsend, Gr. 7  
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## CARRYING THE TIARA

Mrs. Harward's class dramatized a story "A Family of Postman Who Served Kings" for their chapel program. Jimmy Sifford was Johann and Kenneth Ritchie, his uncle. The robbers were: James Knotts, Henry Morris, William Cotton, and James Jacobsen. Harry Cook, Joe Books, Grover Mills and Hugh Carpenter were the farmers. Mildred Reap was the queen and her ladies were Willie Grey Vickers, Betty Cooper, Mary Rose Johnson, Frances Thompson, Patsy Ingram, and Ann Sargent. Bill Morton was a page.

The play was about Johann carrying a diamond tiara from Brussels to the queen of France. The robbers tried to catch him but the farmers helped Johann get the tiara out of the river. Finally he reached the Queen's palace in safety.

- Billy Merton, Gr. 5  
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## A ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON PROGRAM

We gave a Robert Louis Stevenson program this morning. The children in Miss Doby's room came. James Haire was the director. Ellen Bigler was his assistant. All poems were memorized except three. The program was as follows: The Marching Song-played by Martha Hopkins, Ellen Bigler, Johnny Andrew, DeBernie Austin and Peggie Rose Lambert.





#### OUR FRIEZE

We made a frieze of the lands we visited in our Geography. First we made a scene of the Nile River, and then of the Congo Region. The Congo is a hot wet land. The Nile is a land of much sunshine and little rain.

- Gloria Hurt, Gr. 4

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#### OUR COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL PAINTINGS

In the state art contest held at Greensboro year before last, our school won a picture. It was the finest original in our collection and we were glad to get it. It hangs in the library by the window. There are trees in the foreground and mountains in the background. There is a lake in the picture, too. It was painted by H. B. Jacobs.

Another original picture in our library is "The Wonder Flower". It was painted by Miss Katharine Ridgeley, a Charlotte girl, who was at one time an English pupil of Mrs. Parker. The flower is a purplish-red. Our school bought this picture.

The last picture in our collection is the door of the old church at Bath. It is a pen and ink sketch by Mr. Jacques Busbee, a well-known portrait painter and the owner of the Jugtown Pottery. Mr. Busbee gave the sketch to us. It hangs over the dictionary stand in our library.

We are very proud of our pictures. As far as we know ours is the only school in North Carolina to begin such a collection. As time goes on, we hope to add many more originals to our collection.

- Betty Jeanne Wolfe, Gr. 6

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#### ART EXHIBIT

There will be an exhibit of the art work of the schools and colleges of North Carolina at Woman's College, Greensboro, in March. Later the exhibit will be transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It is being sponsored by the art department of Woman's College headed by Mr. Gregory D. Ivey. Central School will send some of its best work to the exhibit. The exhibit will also be shown at the state meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association in Winston-Salem in April.

- Juanita Lawrence.

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Today Peggie Rose brought her dog to school. We drew him during our art period. We put him on a table. He was not very still. Miss Beam and Miss Patterson took turns holding him. We had lots of fun drawing him.

- Tommy Wolfe, Gr. 3

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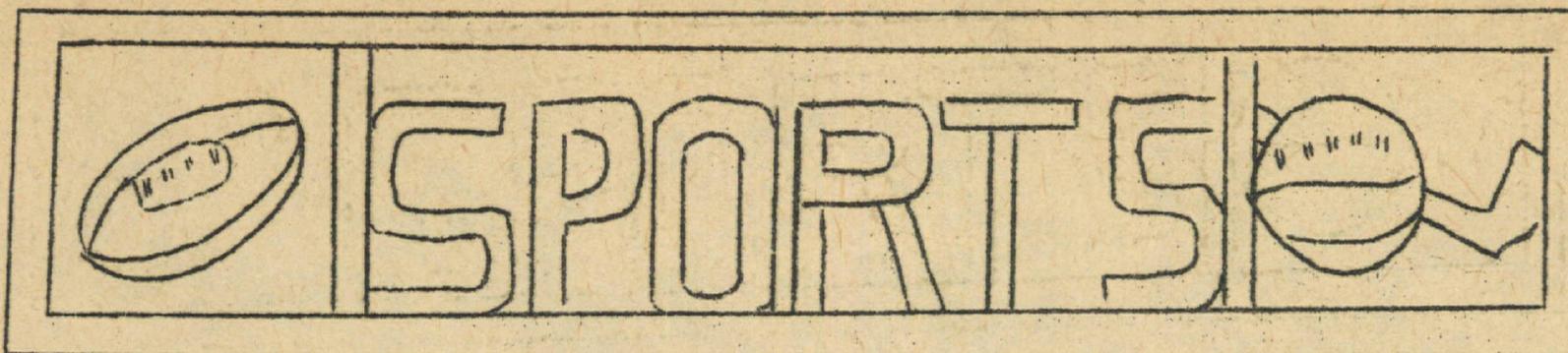
#### DESIGNS

The two seventh grades have been working on designs for the last month. They have made designs for notebooks covers, rugs, tiles, wallpaper borders, and all kinds of textiles. Later they are planning to make block prints, cork, and potato print designs.

The purpose of this study in designs is to help them learn to see the beauty in their common everyday surroundings, and help them in choosing appropriate colors and designs for their own personal use. They are studying rooms and what colors go best together in them. In criticizing their work, they found that some of the colors were too bright for ordinary use, and the designs were too fancy to use with the furniture that the average person is able to buy.

Their best work is on exhibit in Miss Grogan's room.

- Rosa Parker, Gr. 7



### WEATHER REPORT

The sports editor hopes that we will have a big snow before the winter passes to satisfy the ice skating fans of Albemarle Central School.

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### SPORT HAPPENINGS

Marble time is here again. Every little boy is shooting marbles.

Since Christmas many boys and girls have been skating and bicycling in different parts of town. We hope no one will get hurt while riding on their new wheels.

The tennis season is coming. Many of us are wanting to play. We wish that we could find some tennis courts not in use.

Baseball time is near. The big boys are talking about their teams. On these warm days after school, we can hear yells coming from most every hill. It sounds as if many teams are already enjoying the game.

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### CHANGES IN SPORTS

When school started again after Christmas, the student council discussed the changing of some of the sports here. It finally decided to let the sixth grades, who had been playing softball before Christmas holidays, take the volley ball court and play volley ball. The seventh grades, who were playing volley ball, were changed to softball. Both grades are having a fine time since the changes have been made.

- Tommy Rabe, Gr. 7

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### A GOOD SPECTATOR:

1. Applaudes all good plays by either either team.
2. Remains behind the side lines.
3. Remains away from the goal.
4. Stays out of the baseball outfield.
5. Does not mutter.
6. Does not threaten.

7. Does not make ugly remarks about the officials or players.

- Mary Ellen Milton, Gr. 6

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### THE AIRPLANE RIDE

I went to Charlotte. I went up in an airplane. The pilot strapped me in the seat. It seemed we were riding the ocean waves. When we went up, it felt as if we were sitting down hard on the seat. When we went down, it felt as if we were going to pull the strap from the seat. I liked the ride. It was my first ride.

- Ellen Bigler, Gr. 3

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### A PILOT

I want to be a pilot because I want to make life more safe in an airplane and try to keep them from crashing and killing people. I would like to keep them going fast and make people's lives safe.

- Daniel Talbert, Gr. 4

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### PLAYING GAMES

Play with all your might to win. Winning by fair play is the only victory worthwhile. If you win, be considerate of the losing team. If you lose, always congratulate the winner. Anybody can be a good winner but it takes a real sport to be a good loser.

- Merrill Hall, Gr. 6

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### WHAT SHALL WE DO IN BAD WEATHER?

There are a number of interesting games suitable for the school room. Outdoor games are better, but on cold, rainy days it's fun to play magic carpet, Squirrel, Initial Tag, Cross Questions and Crooked Answers, Pleased and Displeased, and Verbal Authors.

When you play Verbal Authors the children sit in their desks. One is chosen as judge and he keeps tally. Each player in turn rises and names some well-known book. The first one to call out the name of the author scores a point. The player having the most points is the winner.

- Louise Griffin, Gr. 6