LANCASTER WON IT

Put Up A Score of 24 to 20 Against Academy In Openidg Game—Girls Played A Game

But for one man St. Johnsbury Academy might have registered a win over Lancaster High in the first school game of the season here last Friday night. The one obstacle was a boy named Langdon.

Shades of Toby Matthews! how that lad could shoot. About a score of times he was sent to the firing line and 15 times out of this number he registered bulls eyes. These tries were all presents to the visitors because of the home team fouling. Langdon also scored a field goal and the remaining seven points were gathered in by his four team mates.

The locals outplayed the visitors in floor work and got more chances for shots from the floor but both Vitty and Ellis, the forwards, were way off form and could not seem to locate the net. The former came back, however, in the latter part of the game and scored three baskets.

Warden and Masse although playing in guard positions did the bulk of the rush work and had the others played up to the pace set by these two backs there might have been a different story. The new rules served to slow up St. Johnsbury Academy to quite an extent as there has always been more or less of the professional style of play mixed into their game. This accounts for the numerous fouls called on them by Referee Starling and also by Referee Gould who replaced the visitor in the second period, in order to satisfy the crowd.

Blood who replaced Desmond at center for the visitors proved to be one of the fastest men in the game. A clever shot, he scored two from the floor and also contributed some nice passing.

The locals passing game was really a leading feature of the game and had not their speed led them into so many unintentional fouls there is no doubt but that they would have carried off the honors.

As made up St. J. A. looks fit to start the league season and ought to give the other teams a god run for the cup. They open with a game at Morrisville Jan. 7 and the first game at home will be with Stowe High Jan. 21. A little more familiarity with the new rules and what practice they will get in the meantime surely means some fast work on their next appearance here.

As an introductory offering the girls of the Freshmen and Sophomore classed staged a two-act skit entitled "Basket Ball as She should be Played." Through the clever work of Miss Cary, who scored the only two field goals of the game, the class of '18 was returned victors by the score of 4 to 1, '19 being content with a foul goal. From the standpoint of basket shooting the game would not attract national interest but the co-eds certainly put a lot of vim into their game and brought to mind the fact that the rougher sex in the old Academy have got to look to their laurels if they want to keep the lead in athletics.

The score:

Lancaster	St. J. A.
Bernier, rf	lg, Masse
Langdon, lf	rg, Warden
Desmond, c	c, Farnham
Spaulding rg	lf, Vitty
Evans, lg	rf, Ellis

Substitutions, Blood for Desmond, Lynnons for Bernier; score, Lancaster 24, St. J. A. 20; goals from floor, Vitty 3, Warden 3, Blood 2, Langdon, Spaulding, Masse; goals from fouls, Langdon 15, Vitty 5, Lynnons, Warden; referee, Starling; umpire, Gould; timer, Hart; time 20 minute halves.

A. C. ON TOP

Climb Into Lead Over C. C. By Score Of 33 to 31.

The fastest game yet pulled off in the F. C. A. league was that of Wednesday night between A. C. and C. C to determine who was entitled to the premier position in the league standing.

After three gruelling 15 minute sessions A. C. was returned a winner by the narrow margin of two points and the fans left the hall satisfied that it was a real basket ball game.

It was difficult to pick stars out of the 10 players as every man worked his hardest to win, but it is only fair to mention the spectacular work of W. Dumas who bids fair to become a second Demers before long.

Several of the regulars appeared in the C. C. line-up, including Dutile, Lacroix, Bedard and Laferriere, but even with the big ones on their side they were unable to hold the speedy youngsters who made up the opposition.

The Independents played the goat when the Stars took a fall out of them Thursday night. The score was 29 to 15 and was fairly indicative of the speed shown by the rival fives. The summary:

A. C.	C. C.
W. Dumas, rf	lg, Laurancelle
	lg, Bedard
A. Goyet, lf	rg, E. Laferriere
Pope, c	c, Laurencelle
	c, Dutile
L. Lacroix, lg	rf, A. Laferriere
	rf, J. Dutile
T. Demers, rg	lf, Bedard
	lf, D. Lacroix

Score, A. C. 33, C. C. 31; goals from floor, W. Dumas 7, Laurencelle 4, J. Dutile 4, A. Goyet 3, Bedard 3, L. Lacroix 2, Pope 2, E. Laferriere, D. Lacroix, Demers; points on fouls, C. C. 5, A. C. 3; referee, Boisvert; scorer, Heon; timers E. Goyet and Bernier; umpire, Legendre; time, three 15 minute periods.

STARS	IND.
E. Lacroix, rf	lg, Descoteau
T. Emmons, rf	
A. Thibault, lf	rg, Baril
E. Goyet, c	c, Lapanne
	c, Desrocher
B. Dumas, lg	rf, L. Lacroix
L. Gagner, rg	lf, Lapanne
	lf, Desrocher

Score, Stars 29, Ind. 15; goals from floor, E. Goyet 10, L. Lacroix 4, B. Dumas 3, A. Thibault, Baril, Desrocher, A. Lapanne; points on fouls, Stars 1, Ind. 1; referee, Boisvert; scorer, L. Lacroix; timers, Picher and W. Dumas; time, three 15 minute periods.

	W.	L.	P.C.
A. C.	5	2	.715
Stars	4	3	.571
C. C.	4	3	.571
Ind.	1	6	.143

GAMES THIS WEEK.
Wednesday, Ind. v. C. C.
Thursday, A. C. v. Stars.

BOWLING LEAGUE FORMED

Four Teams of Local Bowlers To Try For Valuable Cup

At a meeting held at Foster's bowling alleys the first of the week a league of four teams was formed. Each team will bowl one game a week for 12 weeks, thus making the series a 24-game one. The contest is for a valuable cup to be presented to the team holding the highest average at the end of the series of games.

Officers for the league were elected and the captains of the teams are J. W. Morin, E. D. Thompson, Sam Paradis and F. T. Lynch. The first match is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 28 and will be between the Trailers and Tigers with the White Sox and Jitneys following with a game Friday night.

Local Bowling Contest.

Outside teams having failed to drive the St. Johnsbury regulars from their trenches, a local contingent was gotten together last Friday and made an attempt to dislodge them. They were unsuccessful however and the regulars routed the attacking party with heavy loss. Thirty-eight pins was the lead over the "Braves." It was a good game to watch and further contests between these two local teams are sure to draw good galleries. The score:

ST. JOHNSBURY				
Paradis	76	95	91	262
Morrison	72	91	80	243
Hart	86	88	75	249
Wright	88	95	93	276
Jerome	78	88	76	242
	400	457	415	1272
BRAVES				
Lynch	81	69	81	231
Mackins	95	82	92	269
Thompson	69	81	86	236
Morin	95	87	83	265
Stevens	78	82	73	233
	418	401	415	1234

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PRESS COMMENT

Howe's Fairness.

Those intelligent people who watched the remarkable conduct of the trial of the German officials of the ships now interned at Hoboken, and also the attaches and diplomats of Germany are not surprised that Judge Howe at one bound made himself a national figure. Mr. Howe lives in St. Johnsbury, a small town of 6,000, in the northeast part of Vermont. He has dipped into politics, as a democrat, in a republican State.

In the legislature he made himself strongly felt, one of the important legislators. When the national democrats carried the country, Mr. Howe secured the office of judge of the United States Court.

A number of attorneys who have followed the trial unite in praising Judge Howe for the fairness of his rulings, and in pointing out that the trial, owing to the questions of international law that were continually cropping up, was one of the most difficult to handle of any that has been before the court for a long time.

Assistant United States District Attorney Roger B. Wood in his summing up declared that, in his opinion, the agreement between the Hamburg-American Line and the German government, under which the line agreed to send supply ships from American ports to German war vessels in the South Atlantic in time of trouble, provided for the clearance of the supply ships through the use of false manifests. An abstract of this agreement is on file at the German embassy in Washington. As he is supposed to have represented the views of the government of the United States in making this statement to the jury, the verdict which supported Mr. Wood is considered as involving not only Captain Boy-Ed, but also as rebuking the German government itself as the direct instigator of the activities of the naval attache and the four convicted officials of the Hamburg-American Line.

The officials were found guilty after the jury had been out seven hours and four minutes. They were convicted under two indictments, which were tried together. —Burlington Daily News.

Keeping Women Healthy.

How many women are there, do you suppose, earning their own wages in the United States? There are more than 8,000,000 of them. Some of these are what may be called permanently employed—they will continue to be wage earners for an indefinite period. Others are temporary wage-earners; they will marry and become homekeepers. The health of every woman wage-earner is important, on general principles, as is the health of every wage earner of the other sex. But particularly important is the health of those who are now or may later become mothers of the next generation.

Our lawmakers are busy, throughout the Union, devising improvement in laws to govern women's work in the wage world; and in making those better laws both considerations enter—the general humane consideration, and the consideration of future or present motherhood.

But what the legislatures can do is not the whole problem. Every woman who goes to business owes a duty both to herself and to the next generation, to maintain health and to conserve strength so far as circumstances permit. This duty of self-care is, of course, not exclusively women's, but it is particularly theirs, and discussion of that duty is particularly pertinent at this holiday season, when special pressure is placed upon all wage-earners, incidental to the holiday business rush.

There is no magic road to health—to get it or to keep it. But common sense will keep it if you have it, and will help get it if you have lost it. There are four fundamentals:—

Eight hours fresh-air sleep.
Exercise, regularly taken.
Sensible clothing.
Sensible food.

Now is the season when women who work, are often overworked. Then, while you talk about that, and wish for easier days, do the best thing possible under the circumstances: Slack up in your pleasures.

Don't work on your nerve. Don't sacrifice sleep in order to make room for the work you have to do and the pleasures you like to enjoy. You can't dodge the work. Then let the pleasures—the kind that take from rest and sleep—go by for the time. Wear comfortable clothing. Eat nourishing food. When you think you are working harder than is healthy, don't aggrevate the condition by working to find fun too.

Every encroachment on strength is paid for in full. If the encroachment comes in the guise of work, or as pleasure, it takes the same toll.—Boston Record.

Ex-Gov. Prouty In Better Health.

Ex Gox. and Mrs. George H. Prouty observed their 25th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Dec. 1, and that evening entertained 250 or more of their Newport friends. Gov. Prouty's many friends all over the state will be glad to know that he is improving in health and will read with interest the following from the Express and Standard:

Since the Hon. George H. Prouty closed his term of office as governor of the state of Vermont, he has been an almost retired figure in politics as well as in social events on account of ill health. This has caused him to visit many parts of our continent, as well as noted health resorts abroad. Finally choosing the haunts of the wilds, and being interested in a large tract of forest in the Maine woods near Jackman, he threw off the cares of society and state, retired to this retreat, put on his old clothes, and has assisted in building up mills, houses, 18 miles of railroad track, and in getting out 30,000,000 feet of lumber a year. This, though reducing him in flesh has improved his health, and led him to emerge from the wilds long enough to welcome his appreciative home friends with a few close ones from outside, with this most pleasing silver wedding anniversary.—Vermont Union-Journal.

Enforced Truthfulness.

Slobbs—Wigwag is the most truthful man I know. Slobbs—Yes. Wigwag has such a bad memory he has to stick to the truth.—Philadelphia Record.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH

Progressive Business Conditions Necessary For Strong Church.

The Union has received several highly interesting and decidedly illuminating letters from Rev. Henry G. Ives of Andover, who went to Columbus, Ohio, at the request of Governor Spaulding to represent New Hampshire at the conference on Church and Country Life, conducted under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America—interesting because they were written by a man who knows how to select the salient points of what he sees and hears, and to reduce them to intensely readable form; and illuminating in that they betoken a growing recognition among American church leaders of certain practical, fundamental facts which have been too commonly overlooked, both among the clergy and among the laity

For instance, Governor Willis of Ohio, in his address of welcome, called attention to the shift in population which has resulted in 51 per cent of the people of the United States being now city residents, whereas in 1880 only 29 per cent were to be found in the larger centers. One in nine of the country churches has been abandoned in recent years. Only one-third of them have increased in size; 83 per cent have less than 100 members each, and 25 per cent have less than twenty-five members. Only 6 per cent have individual ministers, and less than 40 per cent of the rural population are church members. Governor Willis touched upon a very real weakness of the country churches when he recalled a community of between 250 and 300 people which possesses three churches, where one church could do the work.

The president of the conference, Gifford Pinchot, whose name is familiar to Americans the country over, took occasion in his address to bring out some established and logical facts well worthy of contemplation by those who have been accustomed to consider the church as entirely apart from and independent of secular influences. Starting from the premise that national life depends on a vital country life, Mr. Pinchot laid down the proposition that a business margin of profit is needed for the production of an efficient country church; and he declared without qualification that poor farms naturally produce weak and inefficient churches. There must be co-operation between the church and the resources of the community. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Presbyterian board is now establishing demonstration country churches just as the country-agent plan to assist agriculture demonstrates farming on the home farm.

These are among the inexorable facts which keen-sighted church people are coming to recognize, and which they must come more and more to recognize if the churches, and particularly the rural churches, are to survive and prosper. An efficient and effective church is conditional on an efficient and effective community generally; and after that primary condition are the subordinate conditions—some of which will follow as a matter of course—of concentration and unity; fewer, but larger and stronger, church societies; well equipped church edifices; a better-paid ministry; business-like methods of conducting church business, and a constant eye to the fact that church and secular community are inter-related and, in a greater degree than is commonly realized, inter-dependent. These conditions will have to be recognized by everybody sooner or later; they may as well be recognized now.—Manchester Union.

VERMONT TRADE REPORT

Attitude of the Public Has Been More Optimistic Says Bradstreet's.

Bradstreet's Burlington office reports the improvement in the major part of the manufacturing interests in the state has had a corresponding stimulating effect upon retail trade. The fall of snow, sufficient for good sleighing, has tended to better conditions among the merchants. In fact, general conditions are better for the entering upon business for Christmas week than they were a year ago. Trade from the country sections has been in evidence, and the attitude of public is more optimistic.

The past week has shown a better feeling among the granite monumental manufacturers. More work has been submitted, and there appears to be more in the market than was reported the earlier part of the month. Generally this class of manufacturers have current year's work nearly all cleaned up. Manufacturers of gray goods material report liberal buying and plants fully employed. Manufacturers of small wood boxes and tinned work indicate an improvement in the condition. While this is generally a quiet period among the creameries, shipments have been of fair volume, and the demand for butter tubs is larger than it was for the same period of a year ago.

A partial summary of building work permitted during the month of November in the United States as reflected in reports to Bradstreet's, shows a gain in each group, the gain of 34.6% in the number of permits granted and the gain of almost 60% in value over what was shown in November, 1914, is one index as to the general better conditions among manufacturing interests throughout the country.

State dealers and jobbers in lumber report the demand appears steady at good prices. Lumber camps have been benefitted by the snow fall and the work in the woods is reported well under way. The wholesale and jobbing trade reflect uneven collections with slow payments predominating. Two mercantile failures were added to the number for the month, during the past week, but these were both small affairs.

Tough Luck.

"What kind of a husband did your sister get?"

"Aw, she got a lemon. He makes her economize on clothes to pay for the candy and flowers he sent her before they were married."—Kansas City Journal.

Why She Goes.

"If you don't like her, why do you always accept her dinner invitations?"

"I like to go and find fault with everything she does." — Detroit Free

ABOUT 100 FAT ONES

Good Attendance At Annual Meeting of New England Fat Men's Association.

Nearly 100 men attended the 11th annual meeting and game banquet of the New England Fat Men's club at Hale's tavern in Wells River, Friday night.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. H. Wright, Etna, N. H., president; H. E. Parker, Bradford, secretary; J. F. Hale, Wells River, treasurer.

It was voted that the president appoint a vice-president for each of the New England states. The executive committee is Judge H. T. Baldwin, Wells River, and F. E. Aldrich, Northfield, Mass.

S. S. Ballard of Montpelier presided, owing to an accident which made it impossible for President Frank P. Sibley of Boston to be present.

There were 20 applications made for membership.

Arthur F. Stone of St. Johnsbury was toastmaster at the dinner. Donald Tobin of Swanton entertained with French dialect stories, and Frank O. French of St. Johnsbury presented a comedy specialty.

The club has a membership of nearly 6,000, in 38 states in the union and several foreign countries. There has been added to the membership during the past year about 150 new members.

The Municipal Tree.

The municipal tree celebration under the auspices of the City Mission will be held this year on Saturday night (Christmas day) in the Town hall, instead of as in the last two years, out-of-doors. This will allow a little more liberty in the matter of a program as the uncertainty of the weather or the cold is quite apt to make any thing of this kind difficult if not impossible. The doors will be opened and the lights turned on at 6 p. m. and will be kept on until 10:30 The program which will consist of singing by the choirs of the different churches will begin at 7:30 and will last until 9 and later if necessary, with intermissio. It is also planned that gifts shall be given here. All who desire to remember friends may do so here and all who desire to remember the needy may also do so here. All who have no one definite in mind and yet who desire to give can send their presents to Mr. Marshall and leave it to him what disposition may be made of them. Those who desire to give to definite persons will help matters if they secure from Mr. Marshall tags with attached coupons. The tage to be attached to the gift and the coupon with the corresponding number to be sent to the person who is to receive the gift. This will notify them to be there and will identify them when they present the coupon. This has been found necessary as it is undesirable that names should be called out at the tree and unless this was done in so great a crowd some would not receive their presents. Since all may give alike to those in need and those who are not and many will wish to do this there is no need to feel that those who receive presents are thereby recipients of charity.

It is the hope of the committee that every one in town who is able to get out will come to this meeting and will there wish friends and enemies alike a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The committee are desirous of making this the best kind of a Christmas that the town as a town has ever known. There will be plenty of time for visiting and making new friends and forgetting old enmities as is appropriate at Christmas time.

SUTTON

(H. A. Blake, Correspondent.)

Bennett H. Curtis is at his home here from the Gordon Training school at Boston, for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Ethel Chapman is at her home here from school in New York, for Christmas vacation.

Mrs. H. W. Butterfield and Sadie E Blake were at St. Johnsbury Saturday on business.

C. B. Joy's teams have returned from Waterford where they have been drawing lumber to East Barnet station and are drawing lumber to the station here from the Tilton farm for Parker & Young Co. of Lisbon, N. H

Mrs. Etta A. Holmes, who has been at the hospital at Hanover returned to her home here and is recovering nicely.

Remember the Christmas exercises and tree at the church Friday evening and be on hand with things to please the children.

There is to be a Christmas tree and exercises at the school house on the North Ridge, Thursday evening, Dec 23.

Mrs. Dwight Howard of Barre is at her sister, Mrs. Fred Miles,' for a while. It will be remembered that Mr. Miles died suddenly recently.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Will Curtis at Braintree, Mass. Mr. Curtis is a native of this town, a North Ridge boy, one of the family of Curtis who for years have resided there.

F. O. Berry has moved to the village into the residence that he bought of Stephen Taft's estate, near M. A. Taft's.

Art and the War.

If every work of art existing in the western world were obliterated, and every artist killed, would human nature return to the animalism from from which art has in a measure raised it? Not so. Art makes good in the human soul all the positions that it conquers.

When the world is over, the world will find that the thing which has changed least is art. Certain withered leaves, warts, dead branches will have sloughed off from the tree; the sap will run at first a little faster for the temporary check, and that is all. The wind of war reeking with death will neither have warped nor poisoned it. The utility of art, which in these days of blood and agony is mocked at, will be raised again into the view even of the mockers, almost before the thunder of the last shell has died away. "Beauty is useful," says Monsieur Rodin. Aye! it is useful.—John Galsworthy, in Atlantic.

TO ENFORCE PEACE

(Continued from page one.)

which 12 nations are engaged and which involves the whole civilized world outside of South America. Not since the "Inundation of Europe" when the invasion of barbarians submerged all learning and civilization has there been such a disaster as the present war. Canada on the North American continent is involved and while the United States is not yet involved, yet to the south of her in Mexico there is a regular chaos of murder, robbery and fighting. But this league will not interfere with these wars. The prominent men of America who are organizing it want to prevent its recurrence. They hope to interest all political parties and all religious faiths in the move. Such men of prominence as those back of the organization would not propose any scheme until it had been well thought out and wise courses of action decided upon.

The purpose is to have a real international court established to hear the disputes between nations and make decisions that shall be observed. The problem is a gigantic one but it should be undertaken. The proposed tribunal will deal with only justiciable questions, questions like the boundary dispute between the United States and Great Britain. This tribunal in giving its decisions would establish principles of international law.

The state organizations could work with the representatives in congress to get that body to pass the necessary laws to allow the establishment of such a court. The organization does not interfere with the question of preparedness. A nation should be prepared to defend itself and to punish any nation plunging into war without submitting its case before this tribunal. The purpose is simply to delay the declaration of hostilities between nations in the hope of preventing war. There is no doubt that a few weeks of delay would have brought about a peaceful settlement of the dispute between Servia and Austria and prevented the present war.

No fees are charged for membership but contributions to support the work are welcome.

An organization was then effected by electing Hon. H. C. Ide of St. Johnsbury Chairman, R. E. Flanders of Springfield secretary and treasurer, and Ex-Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland, Joseph Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury and Ex-Mayor J. B. Estee of Montpelier a state committee with power to appoint such sub-committees as they find necessary.

Remarks were made by several of those present discussing methods of procedure, etc. and the meeting adjourned.

The officers of the national organization are President, William Howard Taft; treasurer, Herbert S. Houston; secretary, William H. Short; executive committee, A. Lawrence Lowell, Hamilton Holt, Theodore Marburg, Job Bates Clark, Jacob M. Dickinson, Samuel J. Elder, David R. Francis, Philip H. Gadsen, John Hays Hammond, Myron T. Herrick, William B. Howard, Herbert S. Houston, Darwin P. Kingsley, Frederick Lynch, William Hodges Mann, W. H. Taft, Alton B. Parker, Leo S. Rowe, John A. Stewart, Oscar A. Straus, Frank S. Streeter and Thomas Raeburn White.

Judge Ide came from New York on purpose to hold this meeting and will return there today or tomorrow to spend the winter, having rented a house there from January to May.

Three Marriages In One Day.

Rev. George A. Martin performed the marriage ceremony three times on Wednesday. In the morning Ernest J. Bean of Maidstone and Lena Kay of Whitefield were made man and wife and left for a trip to Portland, after which they will reside in Whitefield. At two in the afternoon Mr. Martin married Ray H. Norcross of Walden and Delilah Hatfield of St. Johnsbury. They went to Burlington for the bridal journey and will make their home in Walden. In the evening Charles C. Drew and Miss Clara E. M. Anderson, both of Danville, were married and will reside on the Drew farm at North Danville.

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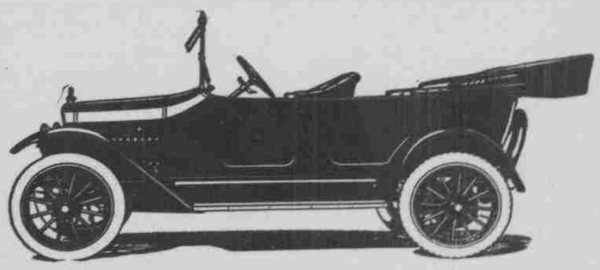

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