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Editorial

A MESSAGE FROM MR. WATSON

The Juniors are busily rehearsing their play of the year "George in a Jam," I hear. Do you think for one minute that those Juniors will be ready to present this play to the public just as soon as each player has learned his part and they have practiced together satisfactorily a few times? No, indeed. Without caring for one other important matter the play will fall flat. These amateur actors must "do their stuff" in a proper, natural setting. A suitable background must be provided. Without such background their acting will be a failure.

It's easy enough to find a word in the dictionary which is longer than the word "background," but it's hard to find a larger, more important word. I can remember hearing my father tell of the years of his childhood when each family paid toward the support of the teacher a certain amount, depending on the number of days or half days the children of that family went to school. Then I can remember the years when compulsory school attendance was being considered and was finally accepted as the best thing for the youth notwithstanding the howl set up by some of the two spaces provided or to such compulsion violated the principles of a free country.

Probably you who attend school from day to day and year to year do not think of the wide, deep and complicated background which is behind the great stage on which you are the actors. I realized this as never before last winter when on the Canadian Labrador coast, where I learned that no one could advance further than the seventh grade in school; where not nearly all the children take time to complete even these seven grades; where the first school was opened only 35 years ago, and where most naturally I became acquainted with many people who can neither read nor write.

At first I was greatly puzzled because parents were not disturbed at having a child stop school when only in the fourth or fifth grade; or when a child would stay at home any time he happened to want to. And, too, it seemed strange that every second Friday afternoon school was dismissed, thus giving the women a chance to scrub the schoolhouse (for such work in both church and school house falls upon the women). Why not clean the schoolhouse on Saturday, I queried.

But none of these things bothered them; no, nor the fact that there are children in some of the smaller settlements who never have a chance to go to school at all. After a while I realized that this problem is one of background. They just don't have an educational background as you and I have always had.

Just listen in with me for a short time to some conversation or expressions which I heard last winter: "She have told wes"; "Yous didn't scrub she" (meaning the church); "I don't know where they seen it to"; "Behind the door is where the broom is kept to"; "Look at she." "I'se shakes hands to he." And this one, slightly more complicated than is common, "My daughter, Jennie, she has hurt his knee and he can't stand on her leg."

When tempted to think that your lessons are pretty tough—or that you would rather go fishing or hunting than to school—just stop and think how it would seem if you couldn't read a word, not even a letter which had been sent you. And when if you couldn't count the money paid you for some labor, and so know whether you were paid enough? No, not for one day would you like to change places with those children where there is such a thin, flimsy background for advancement.

—A-H-S—

Me: "I want to know, for once and all, just who is the boss in this house?"

She: "You'll be a lot happier, dear if you don't insist on finding out."

Thirty Come Out For Basketball

Under the supervision of Coach W. S. McGee, the first basketball gathering of the year was held Monday after school. A large number of enthusiastic boys turned out for the meeting as Coach McGee outlined the main events of the season.

He stressed the fact that long, hard practice are necessary to produce a good team in spite of the fact that all but two of last year's players have returned. The turnout was somewhat larger than it was last year with a total of 30. It will also be necessary for the team to practice training rules as the team will need to be in top-notch form to emerge victorious from the hard games ahead. Competition will be strict this year in the Class C league which includes Andover, Angelica, Alfred and Richburg.

The league games will not start until January. Previous to them games will be played with Almond, Wellsville, Greenwood, Belmont and Cuba, with other possibilities.

Among the players having previous experience are: Joyce, Oakes, Dugan, Hardy, Briggs, Saunders, Fulkerson, Greene, Dolan, Gath, Perry, Dean, McAndrew, D. Lynch, Dodge, Burdick, Rice and Spicer.

The boys who have not had experience are: Greenan, Shaff, J. Lynch, Ahrens, Driscoll, Emery, V. Oakes, Howland, Puger, Reagan, Ryan, Gerench, C. Gath and Graham.

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Across the Principal's Desk

Next Tuesday the voters of New York State will be called upon to vote yes or no on certain proposed Amendments to the New York State Constitution, recommended by the recent Constitutional Convention. It is a very simple procedure for the voter to place an "X" mark in one of the two spaces provided or to pull down one or two levers on the voting machine, but to decide wisely which way to vote is very difficult for several reasons.

In the first place, one glance at the two or three newspaper pages of fine print needed to print the nine amendments discourages the average citizen from even reading them, and even if one does go thru this discouraging process, what the whole thing means and just how it will affect the general welfare of the people is still more difficult to determine.

After reading numerous editorials and explanations of the proposed amendments, the general opinion seems to be that many of these dangers are related to our public school system. An editorial in the New York Times, Oct. 26, 1938, points out that Amendment No. 1 is in reality 49 amendments in one or even more if we consider the number of proposals actually introduced. Some of the proposals are considered good; many of them harmful. The Times concludes its editorial by saying that "There is too much in it (Amendment No. 1) for reasonable consideration by the voters, it includes too much that is bad or dubious, and it includes nothing that cannot be attained, article by article, by the ordinary process of amendment. We believe that it is imperative that no encouragement shall be given to a future Constitutional Convention to submit a similar hodge-podge, badly drawn, largely incomprehensible to the voter and handicapped by matter not properly fit for a Constitution. The amendment should be rejected."

The remaining amendments are shorter and simpler and can be quite readily understood by careful reading.

—A-H-S—

Peace Dove to Visit A. H. S.

A large white peace dove will float lazily in the A. H. S. gym Thursday, Nov. 10th. It will sail beneath a blue and white dropped ceiling, and it will be able to see the colors of our flag on the walls in a criss-cross manner of red, white and blue.

What is the meaning of this? Well, the Seniors of A. H. S. are holding an Armistice Day dance, Thursday, Nov. 10th in the gym.

Dancing is to be from 9 to 1. Music will be furnished by Don DeSerio and his Casa Loma band, featuring his girls' trio. Admission will be one dollar per couple with no stags.

Come and enjoy a real dance with a peaceful air!

Hallowe'en Parade Is a Success

Andover streets were full of ghosts, clowns, pirates, and tramps Monday evening when the Hallowe'en parade marched thru town. The costumed paraders covered most of the main streets, accompanied by the band and fire company. The paraders were mostly Andover high students.

Later, they gathered at the athletic field for cider and doughnuts, and a snake dance. Costume awards were also given out on the field by the judges, the list of winners can be found in another section of this paper.

I am sure that all those who entered the parade, and also the spectators, want to thank the Exchange Club for their thoughtfulness in providing the boys and girls with this good time celebration.

Andover High School was represented in the celebration by Montroe Greene, Senior Class president, who rode as guest in the official car. Clyde Briggs who acted as one of the judges, and Harold Rice, Lyle Ordway and John Dean who were on the arrangements committee. Many other high school boys gave their assistance during the celebration.

—A-H-S—

Grades Celebrate

Hallowe'en was celebrated in all grades with great merriment. Members of the staff stopped in for a few moments in each room so they could report some of the fun to the readers of the Hi Herald.

At the time of their visit to the first grade, the children were playing with balloons. They gave their room a spooky atmosphere by pulling the shades and lighting the Jack 'O Lanterns.

The second graders were applying their skill in attaching the miss ing stem to a pumpkin, drawn on the board.

The third graders played games, and enjoyed candy favors. A candy man was awarded to Suzanne Tracy and Gerald Goodridge for the best costumes.

In the fourth grade room, Hallowe'en pictures were fastened on the blackboard. Various members of the class selected one, read it, and did as directed. Patricia Ludden and Henry Burton were winners of contests in this grade.

Fifth graders participated in guessing games, and a variety of other games. After parading around the hall in their grotesque costumes, they returned to their room for the big banquet of cider and doughnuts.

Fried cake races, putting the tail on the cat, races with letters were only a few of the exciting events in the sixth grade. Winners in contests were: Walter Shimwell, Craig Snyder, Marlene Coats and Marjorie Vars. Cider and prizes were furnished by the losing side in the spelling race.

The seventh and eighth grades had a joint party. Their fun consisted of bean races, and bean hunts. Prizes were given to the one who could guess the most pupils in costume. Prizes were won by Betty Jean Rice, Francis Horan, Martina Lynch and George Karcanes.

Altho the reporters did not have time to stay for all activities, they left the grade parties with regret. Certainly the teachers made this day unforgettable for their pupils.

—A-H-S—

Where Were You?

Here is the way some of the students spent their time during the days the faculty was at the conference:

Jo Butler visited her cousin in Wellsville from Friday until Sunday.

A party was held by Thelma Ahrens Saturday night. They had a scavenger hunt after which they danced and enjoyed refreshments.

Nancy Snyder spent Thursday in Rochester.

Inez Kemp visited her mother in Buffalo over the week-end.

Many of the high school students were seen at the dance Thursday night.

On Saturday, Jack Saunders, Marion Swartz and Nancy Snyder went horseback riding at Hornell.

Several people, such as Barbara Temple, Kathleen Howland and Mary Mesler were seen Thursday at a Hallowe'en party at Mrs. Rogers' home for the piano recital pupils.

Charles Spicer went hunting near Whitesville.

Johnny Lynch spent his vacation working in the woods burning brush.

Around A. H. S.
With C. Coryell

What? A new romance in the first period study hall?

Maybe we'll all have it learned by the time we are Seniors that there can be no Social Hours when there are play rehearsals going on.

All of the students report a good time during our vacation. Of course some of us worked, too.

Just before the Freshman Hallowe'en party, Stan Ruger was asking for some signs of bad luck. In what kind of game did you use them Stan?

What an imagination Dolores must have to write such stories as she does. Did you have to look up the big words you used, or did you ask your sister, Dolores?

The teachers seem to be a trifle tired. Seemingly their type of vacation didn't quite agree with them. Oh, well, Christmas is coming.

The only way to make the Senior Armistice Day dance a success is by having students, more students and most students there a week from tonight. Don de Serio and his Casa Loma band, featuring the girls' trio are an attraction.

Five of the Senior girls worked three hours Thursday afternoon, writing invitations for the dance, and we were supposed to be having a vacation!

Why were all the girls in the Glee Club so glad that there wasn't any practice on Wednesday?

The girls in the seventh period gym class will have to mend their ways if they want to go for another walk. Some of us walk so fast that Mr. Holmes has to run to keep up with us.

Jack Saunders is interested in the Navy. The pictures shown in the assembly last week probably made him even more anxious to join. Of course, that interest wasn't aroused by the pictures of the shore leave in Honolulu!

I saw an announcement of a basketball meeting. The basketball season has started and according to one boy, who said that all of last year's team is back, we ought to win the league instead of being in second place again.

If the men of Europe changed much more, the maps in Room 6 will have to be thrown out.

I heard that Miss Schangrow's ech saw the governor in a up to the rush when he was in Buffalo for the conference.

Rubber bands are in great demand in the study halls for some of the Freshmen.

Mr. Watson's pictures surely make us glad we live where we do, altho we would probably get used to the cold.

From rumors, I've heard that the grades are planning a Christmas cantata, but they're bringing in some of the girls in Glee Club.

Gerald Wahl has started wearing his red flannels. Have you noticed?

I've heard shots ringing thru the woods this last week and have heard that some of the boys have been hunting. Do they ever get anything?

Miss Wood, Miss Barrett and Miss Cappuccilli sang at the Freshman party. They are real farmers—at least when they sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."

The Seniors think that it is awful when they have to carry two books to English class.

Jack Saunders showed Miss Cappuccilli that he can hurry. It took her breath away as well as his.

None of the gym classes want to start having the class inside. It really is too bad.

—A-H-S—

Freshmen Have Hidden Talents

At the Freshman party Wednesday, Oct. 26, an amateur radio contest was conducted. A great deal of talent was discovered, especially in singing.

The program consisted of fortune telling by Miss Dickinson, games, stunts, dancing and best of all, cider and doughnuts. Recognition for best costumes was given to George Prue and Miles Gorsuch, dressed as hillbillies; John Dean, in the garb of a beautiful girl, and Rose Yannie, who played the part of an old lady.

—A-H-S—

Faculty Facts

Mr. Bretsch spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Alice Bretsch who is seriously ill in a hospital at Watertown, N. Y.

Miss Barrett visited her sister at Utica Saturday afternoon and spent Sunday at her home in Waterville.

Miss Cappuccilli motored home to Syracuse after teachers' conference.

Miss Dickinon spent the week-end at her home in Skaneateles.

Mrs. Joyce visited her sister at Seneca Falls this week-end.

Miss Wood spent the week-end at her home in Red Creek.

The World Wants Things Done

(Highlights From Conference)

"The world wants things done! It doesn't want excuses! An alibi check has no cash value at the bank."

"A good book may be as great a thing as a battle."

"He learned once years ago that he was not God."

"You, as teachers, or as pupils, cannot be neutral in your life."

"Your success is not guided by one time or one moment."

"You are your attitudes."

"Facts go, attitudes remain as long as your hair and the color of your eyes (at least the color of your eyes)."

"They build too low who build beneath the stars."

"Knowledge must heal the wounds which knowledge creates."

"A child was born on a steamer which was flying the German flag within the three mile limit. His mother was Dutch and his father Irish. The port of departure was LeHavre, France and the port of entry, Boston, Mass. What nationality was he? League of Nations."

"The thing that's wrong with China is that human life has so little value."

"Stalin will shoot himself upon hearing that Mussolini has poisoned himself over Hitler's grace," (so said Kerensky.)

These are some of the interesting thoughts and maxims seen and heard at the annual conference in Rochester by the Andover faculty.

Alexander Kerensky, Professor Hatch of State Teachers College in New Jersey and Dr. David Adie of State Department of Social Welfare are a few of the people who can be mentioned who helped to make the conference interesting and profitable. Music was furnished by some of the Rochester high school organizations and the Hornell band.

—A-H-S—

Assembly Held

Navy Day Celebrated by High School

On Wednesday, October 26, the students of Andover High School celebrated Navy Day at an assembly. Films revealing the life in the U. S. Navy were shown by Mr. I. H. Peterson, a recruiting officer of the U. S. Navy stationed at Olean.

The pupils learned a great deal from these films such as the salary given to those in the Navy air corps. One hundred and five dollars a month is paid for a single year; $155 for a four year period with $1,500 as a nest egg upon return to civilian life.

The men on board a boat crossing the equator are initiated to the ways of King Neptune if they haven't been across the equator before. The films showed this initiation which seemed severe, but is only done in fun. It consisted of many duckings and spankings.

When the men aren't on duty they choose their own recreation such as tennis, horseback riding, golf, swimming, sight-seeing and many others.

The students greatly enjoyed the fine showing of their country's defensive equipment.

At this assembly Mr. Bretsch made a request for the Wellsville hospital committee for canned food, telling the students that this committee served Andover as well as Wellsville, and that any donations would be appreciated.

—A-H-S—

Is It News to You That . . . .

In the new colored movies, the colors blue and red, are going to make you feel the way the director wants you to feel?

"Budget" is derived from the Roman "bulga" meaning a leather bag?

The "easel" is an artist's donkey. Manufacture is literally a making by hand?

A milliner was originally a man from Milan?

A monster was an omen of misfortune?

Rehearse means to harrow again?

The Latin "pensicillus," meaning "a little tail," is the ancestor of our word pencil?

Alabama meant "place of rest" to the Creek Indians?

Idaho was "gem of the hills."

—Coretha Meade-Syble Winchell

—A-H-S—

Guess Who

This person is a Senior boy. His hair is envied by many of the girls. Altho he is a member of the basketball squad, he still finds time for study. In the eighth grade, he was salutatorian. You will always find him whistling or singing. His posters around school prove that he is a good artist.

Last week's anwer — Veronica Lynch.

Many Students See Labrador Pictures

A considerable number of junior and senior high school pupils attended Mr. Watson's lecture and moving pictures of Labrador, given Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium.

The pictures were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Watson during their recent visit to the northland, and with explanations given by Mr. Watson from first hand experience they gave the audience a comprehensive view of the life of the Labrador people and of the birds and animals there.

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Movie and Radio Guide

"Keep Smiling"

Friday and Saturday, Jane Withers will show you how little girls can get into a great deal of mischief. This show will give you some superb ideas on the real Hollywood life and work of directors. "The Texans" will also be presented, starring Joan Bennett, Randolph Scott and May Robson. This is a glorified Western, full of strong men, strong language and daring adventures. The story centers about trials and tribulations which befall a courageous group who attempt to drive a herd of 10,000 head of cattle from Texas to Kansas in the perilious days following the Civil War. Joan Bennett and Randolph Scott turn in satisfactory performances, but the honors go outright to May Robson for her characterization of the Southern lady who is all gentleness and charm but turns out to be the fiercest fighter of all.

Sunday and Monday, Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper will be co-starred in "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife." Everyone will like this show because it is comedy as well as a sport of history.

RADIO—More Programs Centered Upon Human Interests

Lately, people who listen to the radio a great deal have discovered that programs are more centered upon human interests. Everyday problems of American people are discussed and they are helped out of their difficulties.

The "Goodwill Hour" at 10 over WGR on Sunday is among these programs. It is designed to solve vital human problems that you may have come day. Another program is "We, the People" over WKBW at 9 on Tuesday nights. This program introduces people that have recently done something of nation-wide interest. It might be a small invention or the person might have performed some heroic deed.

Over WGR on Sunday, another new program has been introduced. At 7:30 p. m., John Booth Nesbit leaves the beaten part of history to discover little known things about the "great and near great." The result is the "Passing Parade," as fascinating program as you will find on the Sunday schedule.

If the music lovers like good dinner and lunch music, I advise you to hear Enoch Light's orchestra over WGR at 12:30 Saturdays. He also plays at 2 over WGR on Mondays, at 6:45 over WKBW on Tuesdays at 6 over WKBW on Wednesdays, at 2 over WGR on Thursdays and at 6 over WKBW on Fridays.

—A-H-S—

The Hallowe'en Cat

Altho the terror and fright of Hallowe'en is over, the following story, written by Vivian Shellman of the fifth grade, has been selected for the paper to revive those frights you got on Hallowe'en night:

The Hallowe'en Cat

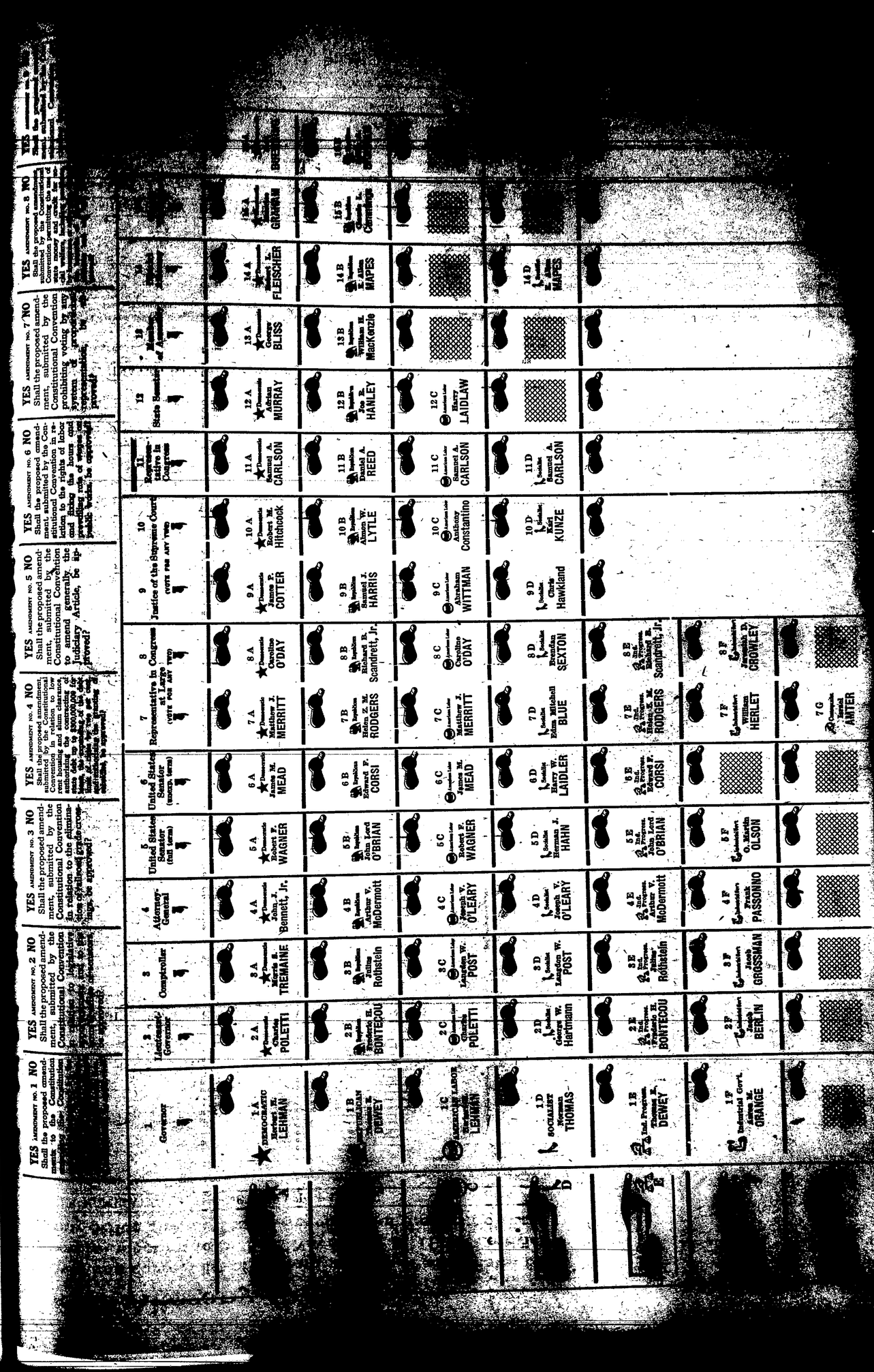
"Meow!" sang a black cat as she sat on the fence one Hallowe'en. A dog growled so the cat jumped down and hid under the porch steps. She had no home and tonight she was very hungry. When everything was quiet she came out from under the porch.

The side door of the house was open so she ran up on the porch and into the house.

Everything seemed very strange to her. The table was set for a party, and in the middle of it was a Jack 'o Lantern. Light was shining from his round eyes and funny nose and wide mouth.

At first the black cat was frightened until she saw that the Jack o' Lantern was smiling at her. "He looks like my good friend, the moon, so he will not hurt me," she thought. So the cat jumped on the table and rubbed against the Jack o' Lantern—he was so nice and warm.

Then she saw by each plate a tiny black cat which looked like mice.

"Perhaps these things are mice, but they are very still," she thought. She reached out and touched one of them with her paw and the tiny cat fell over. Its head came off, and out rolled some pieces of candy. The cat was very much surprised

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