

Hope Public Schools

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The class in English II has begun the study of Shakespeare's delightful and interesting comedy, "As You Like It." After they have learned the art of studying this drama, not only for the information it contains, but also for an appreciation and enjoyment of it as a literary masterpiece, they will be well prepared to take up "The Merchant of Venice"—a comedy, with a more complicated plot and more critical situations.

The Caesar class has reached the nineteenth chapter of the Gallic War, and shows signs of having as great an interest in reading the marvelous narrative history in Latin, as a student lover of American history has in reading Eggleston or Montgomery.

English III has finished reading "Julius Caesar", and will now begin a more detailed study of the play as a whole.

Great interest is shown by the pupils in the preparation for the first meeting of the Literary Society. The various committees are at work and nothing is being spared to insure a successful opening.

A nice lot of chemical apparatus has been added to the equipment as well as fresh supply of chemicals. The addition will greatly facilitate the department, making the subject more interesting and instructive. The class at present is studying oxygen, its chemical and physical properties and its behavior with hydrogen.

The class in Political Economy is at present studying "The Laws of Production", having recently finished "The Consumption of Wealth." This course is designed to give the seniors a mastery of a few sound economic principles, the right attitude of mind and the proper approach to the serious economic problems that confront the citizens.

The class in Physics is working in "Dynamics", treating the subjects of velocity, time, acceleration, relative motion and retardation. The teacher in charge has prepared a chapter on "Energetics" which will be very profitable to the entire class.

The supplementary reading of the grades has been installed and words of praise and appreciation are heard from all quarters. Besides the Basic reader, the grades are supplied with several sets of readers. When one set shall have been finished, the class will be given another. Reading is the foundation for the future of all school work and too much stress cannot be placed on this important subject.

The department of Physical Culture greatly feels the loss of its large and commodious quarters of the past, yet, the work of the department is of a high order. Some classes are given their exercises in their respective classrooms, some are taken into the open air, and some are given the work in the basement room, fitted up for Physical Culture. These quarters are by far too small for the most efficient exercises.

All departments have settled down to the usual routine of school life and all the teachers and students are enthusiastically engaged in their work.

The teachers earnestly urge parents to keep their children in school every day, unless they are detained by sickness. The attendance in the lower grades has fallen off some and every day a child misses, the farther he gets behind. It is difficult for a child to hold his vantage-ground when present every day, but far more so when he is irregular in attendance.

The enrollment is the largest in the history of the school and some departments are becoming badly congested. When all the children who belong to the fifth and sixth grades have started, standing room will be at a premium, Miss Hackett now has a larger number than can be wisely handled by one teacher.

The class in German I have completed the regular declensions of nouns, and are now endeavoring to learn the many exceptions, together with the conjugation of the verb "sein". The reading and translation of Guerbee's Marchen and Erzählungen, with conversation in German, form a part of each day's recitation.

SPELLING LESSONS.

Second Grade.

Leslie Dorrance, James Meader, Harry Pepper, Donald Warner, Rozella Beckerjeck, Emma Curfman, Alberta Graham, Geneva Lang, Hildegarde Usselman.

Third Grade.

Zelma Moores, Jamie Iseminger, Frances Quenette, William Hanley, Hazel Bailey, Annie Meader, Grace Lunding, Willie Bowen, Doris Tillotson, Hazel Clutter, Margaret Lang.

Fourth Grade.

Lyle Bowen, Frank Gallup, Oscar Twilight, Esther Dowling Edna Jones, Lloyd Pepper, Ralph Klovstad.

Fifth Grade.

Helen Baker, Alice Carpenter, Earl Cassells, Ethel Couron, Floyd Reynolds, Ina Jefferson.

Sixth Grade.

John Cassell, Nevene Couron, Frank Sussex, Blanch VanDusen, Murina Curfman.