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-- The Glen Elder High School newspaper founded in 1912-1913.

Thanks to Roger Torrens, Wentzville, Missouri, for contacting me and then giving five original issues of this publication to GlenElder.com. (the issues are being given to the Glen Elder Historical Society) Over 10 years ago, Mr. Torren's mother found and purchased the copies at garage sale somewhere in Missouri. Curious as to where Glen Elder might be located, Torren's did an internet search and quickly discovered GlenElder.com and the Memoir Lane section of the website. In turn, he contacted the site developer and then personally delivered the issues to him this past summer. How the copies of this 1913 Glen Elder High School student publication made their way over 350 miles from the school into Missouri is unknown.

At some point in the near future, copies of these newspapers will be made available to the public.

The paper more closely resembles a magazine / booklet and includes heavy blue paper as a cover. The entire publication is very professionally done and well written. Besides serious stories covering students and teachers, there are also satires and stories of wit contributed by students. Each paper contains several photos; some will be able to identify parents or grandparents. Likewise, there are multiple photographs and pages of ads purchased by local businesses to cover cost. In 1913, Glen Elder students were attending the community's first school located on the hill west of town, the two-story building was constructed of native limestone, some of which, after the building was torn down in 1938, was used to build Ernie Norris' Castle Service Station.

(The following is recopied verbatim from the paper)

The Comet is the first paper ever published by the students of the Glen Elder High School.

The plan was voted upon and a majority of the High School were in favor of trying it so an editorial staff was chosen. Each class has two representatives from it in the staff. The representatives from the Senior class are Walter German, Editor and Erba Kaull, Business manager, the Junior class by Velma Sheets and Lyle Hadley, the Sophomore class by Russell Thomasson and James Pratt and the Freshmen by Vera Lee and Elith Kaull.

Almost all the High School students and the Faculty are subscribers and a great number of the Alumni. The paper now has _____ subscribers. Since the first issue the Business Mgr. has not found it so difficult to secure subscribers and the business men have been very pleasing patrons.

The Comet goes to several parts of Kansas and into Neb.

The annual which will be the last issue of the Comet this term will be about three times the size of the regular Comet. A great number of issues of the annual was sold before it was printed.

Thanking the subscribers and business men for their patronage we will now take our leave hoping to meet you next year.

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This image (left) is the inside cover or title page found in every issue

The Glen Elder High School.



: M O T T O :

G for Genius
E for Excellence
H for Honor
S for Scholarship

COLORS: Red and Blue.

FLOWER: White Carnation.

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EDITORIAL.

What is school without a History class?

Conclusion to James' paper in Latin composition. "I am done but not through."

Irwin, naming and defining Narration: "The accident is about the same as the anecdote."

One of the Alumni, now residing in Nebraska, says the Comet has as much news as most local newspapers, but we are sure she did not mean our local paper, however.

The Juniors having completed the study of "The Merchant of Venice," and "As You Like It" are now making a special study of poetry and will take up the study of Scotts "Marmion" and "Ivanhoe" when the classics arrive.

Russell, who was an active member of the band, was out buggy riding the other day. Being thirsty he stopped at a farmhouse to get a drink. While enjoying the drink of cold water that had been given him, he noticed a cow out in the lot but it was different from any cow he had ever seen so he asked the farmer what those things were on it's head. He was told that they were horns. When he was leaving the cow emitted a long drawn moo. Russell rushed back to the farmer and wanted to know which horn the cow for he said that it sounded just like his horn.

A Freshman girl seems to have taken lessons in giggling the chromatic scale.

Teacher—Compare "Good"
Sophomore Girl—"Good, Gooder,
Goodest."

One of the Freshman girls seems to have a special laugh in Med. and Mod. History class.

Irwin—The expository sentence is one that leaves you in doubt, as: The horse ran off the bridge.

Kin Edward VI was the daughter of Henry VIII, so our Mediaeval and Modern History teacher says.

A Sophomore boy thinks he needs a rattle of some kind when he studies but the teacher thinks differently.

The Caesar Latin teacher must be thinking of getting married as she connected marriage with Latin one day.

Sophomore Girl translating German. "There came a long Jew through the forest. He had a young beard in his hand."

Pupil—Did Mary establish any monestaries?

Teacher—Not while she was Prince of England.

Mr. Louthan is thinking seriously of putting a telephone in his room for the special benefit of Mabel and Hattie (or else wireless telegraphy.)

It could easily be told by the pleased expressions on the Juniors faces when they received their cards that there were no failures in that class.

Vernie distinguishing between "deductive" and "inductive" argument: An inductive argument starts with the point to find the conclusion and the deductive starts with the conclusion to find the point.

Some bright eighth graders—Te-he, ha-ha.

Teacher.—There is always a way to laugh and a time to laugh. Some of you folks need lessons in laughing.

Pupils—Te-he, he, he.

It is rather peculiar that pupils laugh at other's mistakes when the teachers don't.

The Seniors are rather "crimpy" these days. They have ordered their class pins.

Ruth surely ought to have a fine yield of alfalfa. She would sow twenty-five bushels per acre.

Mr. Louthan thinks that Queen Elizabeth was one of the best Kings England ever had.

Miss Nelson, in English—Give an example of the beauty of taste in poetry. Erwin—"It tasted strong of love."

Question. Who was Orgetorix?
Henry's ans. Orgetorix was a man. He tried to be King of England and had a wife.

It must be an unwritten law that the girls can stand up but the boys have to sit down. We can't find it in the law book auyhow.

A certain teacher has a laugh which might be mis-taken for the noise a rubber doll makes if you were accustomed to the noise.

Some of the pupils have been complaining of holes being looked through them by the teachers who want to pass away the time to their advantage.

To relieve the grades we will inform them not to worry should they think the roof were falling upon them for it is only the Seniors walking with intent to please Mr. Louthan.

A sophomore boy tried in vain to sharpen his pencil when he was informed by the teacher that it would go better if he tried it on paper but he spent the rest of the afternoon trying it that way. Which was the best?

Teacher in Med. and Mod. History class.—Describe the voyage of Magellan.

Freshman Girl.—Three ships started out, one got discouraged and went back. The ship which Magellan was on got killed in the Phillipines and the third ship went on alone.

The following poem, a humorous piece, thematically focusing on businesses in Glen Elder in 1913, was written by 2 of Glen Elder High's students. E.K. is probably either Erba or Elithe Kaull, who are named with other paper staff. E.C. might have been either Elsie Cooper or Earl Cowman--two students whose names can be gleaned from a school play program contained in the issue.

The ads to the left of the poem represent the robust business climate in Glen Elder 93 years ago as well as providing business names.

Now, 93 years later, the poem, for its readers, perhaps gives life again to a time long past, one that only our parents and grandparents knew so well. Something to think about as one walks or drives the streets of Glen Elder, today.

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<p>Farm and City Property WM. NELSON REAL ESTATE 6 percent money on improved real estate North side Glen Elder</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>M. O. Koesling :: Dealer in :: ... GRAIN and COAL ...</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </p>	<p>Dickinson Lumber Company. — Dealers in — Lumber, Coal, Lime, Cement and all kinds of Building Material.</p> <hr/> <p>Ralph G. Nelson, M. D., Traders' State Bank Building. GLEN ELDER, - KANSAS.</p>
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<p>Tablets, Pencils, Chalk and Seatite at ...J. M. Phillips...</p>	<p>Spring Goods In all lines are coming in and are ready for your inspection. See them. PRATT & SCHMERSEY.</p>

A LITTLE BOOST

By E. K. and E. C.

In Glen Elder, our dear home town
We hail the merchants with renown
And to show our appreciation
We have written this oration.
Have you surplus moqey down to plank?
Put it in the Traders' State Bank;
But if you wish dry goods or Jerseys,
Just step in to Rratt & Sehmersey's.
If Douglass Chocolates she'd desire,
Go to Keef's, he will supply 'er;
If . you wish Pick wick groceries fine
Sutton has them along that line.
Do you need any school supplies?
Trueblood has them, also Diamond Dyes;
Outhwaite boosts for the Glen High School,
And to boost for him is our rule.
Have you noticed the 'High School lads
Butler sold then the latest fads.
You get good dry goods there you bet!
Where did you say? H. F. Vallette.
If bones or muscles are out of place,
Speak to Dr. Eustace, right to his face.
To get good prices is not hard
At the Glen Elder Lumber Yard.
Should you desire a fine new home,
Call Wm. Nelson over the phone.
For boots and shoes we have already found
An ideal place at E. F. Pound's.
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Get Geld Drop flour from Kaull & Sons.
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Will come at your call without any urgin'
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