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## GEHS -- H.S. Comet c.1913 Volume 1, Issue 4 & 7

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The material on this and related pages is taken directly from the *H.S. Comet* -- 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.

**Following, view the 1913, Glen Elder High School play program.**

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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.

**See following 2 pages**

# ....School Entertainment....

Reading.....	Gerald Hollingshead
Boy Scout March.....	Grade Boys
Recitation.....	Harold McManus
Recitation.....	Dean Cornish
Vocal Duet.....	Chester and Cecil Brody
A Talk With Dollie.....	Louise Muck
Recitation.....	John Young
Solo and Chorus.....	Grade Girls
Reading.....	Ella Dove

## HIGH SCHOOL PLAY, 'The Heavenly Twins.'

### Prologue:

Student's room at College—Arrival of George's mother.—"Uncle John's country air be hanged!"

Instrumental Duet..... Esther McStay and Vera Lee

### ACT I

Scene I. Street in town of South Hanford, where Miss Brown's Select School for Young Ladies is located. George and Tom on the way to Uncle John's waiting for the stage.

Instrumental Solo..... Earl Cowman

Scene II. Exterior of Miss Brown's School. "I'll see that girl and don't you forget it!" Conspiracy.

Scene III. Street. Young ladies promenade.

Scene IV. Grounds of school. The study hour.

Instrumental Duet..... Mildred Pound and Gladys McEndeiffer

### ACT II

Scene I. Interior of school. Miss Samantha receives letter from "The Twins" applying for admission

Scene II. Street. "In the lexicon of youth there's no such word as fail!"

Scene III. Schoolroom. Arrival of "Twins." Burglary. Enter detective. "They might be hidin' around here somewhere."

Piano and Trombone Duet..... James Pratt and Glen Lee

### ACT III

Scene I. Grounds of school. "Twins" in Clover. Watched by detective. Suspected of burglary. Arrest. Grand climax. Happy denouement.

Good Night Song..... Primary Girls

### Cast of Characters.

"The Twins." Students at Yale

George W. Barton.....	Walter German
Tom Jackson.....	Erwin Hepperly
Principal of Select school for Young Ladies	
Miss Samantha Brown.....	Erba Kaul
Her sister	
Miss Sophronia Brown.....	Ruth Barrett
Mother of Geo. and friend of Miss Brown	
Mrs. Prof. Barton.....	Elsie Cooper
Girl chuma in school	
Helen Clark.....	Velma Sheets
Adela DeCoursey.....	Eulia Slaven
Girls in Miss Brown's School	
Lou Brighton.....	Hattie Barrett
Clara Cole.....	Clara Willett
Miss Jennings.....	Ella Kaul
Miss Johnson.....	Ella Dove
Detective.....	Earl Brown
Janitor.....	Henry Caldwell

Superintendent to some small boys:  
A wise man needs to be told a thing,  
but once, but talking all day to a foolish one will do no good. I wonder to which class you belong.

Small boy: "Just medium."

The girls in Miss Brown's School for Young Ladies asked their G. H. S. teacher to tell them stunts. Henry thought he needed more instruction in the stunt sphere than they. Can you guess why? If you can, you are an A No. 1 guesser.

Mr. John B. Flowers, a young electrical engineer of Brooklyn, has made the invention of a Voice-operated Type writer a partial success. Solenoids are used for the human hand, electric currents for nerves, steel reeds for fibers and a telephone diaphragm for the human ear. Mr. Flowers has succeeded in making this apparatus record on the typewriter all the vowels and the consonant "P". By using electrical resonators instead of reeds, the inventor expects to make his device record all the other consonants. Mr. Flowers' idea is not that this machine may compete with the human typist, but that it may be used as a dictation machine instead of the phonograph.

The editor of the Comet has received an exchange copy from the Osborne High School, called the O. H. S. Record. The editor is Edgar Denham and the paper has a staff of nine. There are some bright sayings in the Record but the Comet holds its own in comparison. The Record began by charging \$6 a page for advertising but has decided that is too cheap. The Comet charges \$4 a page. Watch for exchanges from the Record in our next issue.

### What Will Become Of The Faculty?

H. S. students observe their teachers very closely and as the St. Valentine's story would have it, their observations are not in vain for other secrets besides murder will out but here is one thing that will open the students eyes and make them grow big and round as saucers to think they didn't happen around at the critical moment to snatch for the "Comet" a newsy item about the lady members of the Faculty. If they had just been "Johnnies on the spot" they would have happened casually into Thomason's Furniture Store one day not long ago just in the nick of time to behold a strange sight, "True it is 'tis pity and pity 'tis it's true" the ladies aforesaid were looking at kitchen cabinets—and other household furniture? O No! keen eyed young folks, they were looking at kitchen cabinets and—coffins! Wanted:—A chaperone for these ladies. Oh yes, the faculty wrote this.

Watch for a flash light picture of the cast in "The Heavenly Twins" in the next issue of the Comet. In this issue we have tried to remember Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12; Washington's birthday, Feb. 22; and St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

# The Course of Study For G. E. H. S.



## FRESHMAN

First Term	Second Term
Latin	Latin
English	English
Algebra	Algebra
Physiography	Physiography
Domestic Art	Domestic Art
Manual Training	Manual Training

## SOPHOMORE

Caesar	Caesar
German	German
Algebra	Geometry
English	English
Med. and Mod.	Med. and Mod.
History	History
Manual Training	Manual Training

## JUNIOR

Cicero	Cicero
German	German
Geometry	Geometry
English	English
Botany	Botany

## SENIOR

Vergil	Vergil
German	German
Agricultural	Bookkeeping and Reviews
Physics	Physics
American History	American History

## Seniors Bequeathal

We, the Seniors of class, of nineteen hundred and thirteen, in getting together our possessions find, that after a notorious and successful reign, have a few relics necessary for the future Seniors in pre-

paring the way for their own perdition.

As we lurk above the yawning entrance of the world we are soon to inhabit, we remember with pitying eyes, shining with rushed tears, instances connected with each treasure which we leave to our successors.

Nothing can compass the splendor of these heirlooms which we have cherished and enriched with the fruit of labor and various devices. How rare it is to learn wisdom from the experiences of others.

Thusly, we assign the following articles to wit:

To the Junior class we bequeath our vast knowledge and dignity, and our ability to work the faculty, also the latest fashion plates designed during commencement. (For the benefit of Eulalia we guarantee that the dresses from these patterns will not stretch.)

For Lyle we offer especially, our kinetic energy.

To you, O Sophomores, we reluctantly will, all of our ponies, which you will find hitched to a star half way between here and there. We wish to give you a little heed, once in action, nothing can control them.

To you girls, we desire to let all of the rouge, paint and powder left from the Senior's play (proving we do not take it with us.)

To the Freshman we bequeath our greatest prize of all, our wisdom which, we hope, will snatch the unmolested, from the rudiments knowledge. By this formal declaration, we transfer to Vera, Walte vociferous, obstreperous, reherm expression of ninth, providing it does not smile previous to our departure.

We commend to the faculty, the privilege of reading all notes which we have written and received in the past years. The ashes of these will be found in the garbage can on the three hundred and sixty fifth day of some proceeding year.

We will place one restriction upon this latter statement. It holds good providing that the Faculty swear before the notary public to punish any student hereafter enrolled in the G. H. S. for any misdemeanor which he shall commit.

To the Glen Elder High School we leave the "class '13" pennant and we hope that our cherished colors, the red and the white may wa forever in its Assembly Room.

We, the Seniors, in good luck have divided our spoils amicably and fairly; and we make off to accumulate knowledge and education in this and in other lands.



