

Debaters Sweep Iowa Tournament

Charles Schillberg and Jerry Finn won the first place rating in debate and brought home the trophy from the Upper Mississippi provincial Pi Kappa Delta tournament at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa, last Saturday.



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aments of the season, both River Falls teams, Finn-Schillberg and the Ernest Gay-Jack Hanson-Ambrose Murphy combination came home undefeated as the only college entrant to walk out undefeated with eight consecutive victories.

Two of the three superior ratings given at the tourney went to the River Falls teams.

Finn and Schillberg defeated St. Thomas, St. Olaf, Macalester, and Upper Iowa. Gay and Hanson defeated Hamline, Gay and Murphy defeated Concordia and Dubuque, and Hanson and Murphy defeated Luther.

The best debaters of eleven Pi Kappa Delta schools in this region met at the tournament for the two days of competition. Since a school must have a high quality forensics program to belong to the national fraternity, the contestants were, in a sense, "the best of the best."

The Upper Iowa meeting is held on alternate years when there is no national debate tournament. The River Falls representatives and their coach, Miss Marion Hawkins, left on Thursday and returned Saturday night.

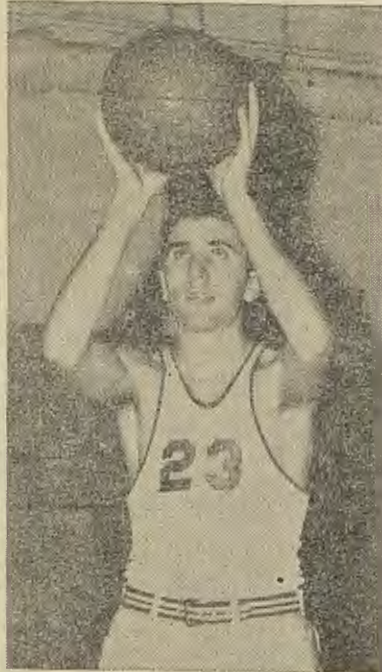
Tonight the Falcons journey to Collegeville, Minn., to play St. John's. The Falcons will be trying for their third consecutive win.

On Dec. 10, River Falls will open their conference schedule when they journey to La Crosse.

In one of the toughest tourn-



Schillberg



Newman Benson

Falcons Ramble to 66-56 Win Over Oskeys

Newman Benson and Nate De-Long paced the Falcons to their first home victory of the year as they downed the highly touted Oskey North Stars of Minneapolis, 66-56.

Nate led the scoring with 19 points, seven of them coming on free throws. Benny was right behind Nate with 18 points, all of them coming on field goals.

Jack Young led the Oskeys with 14 points. Chet Tomczyk was second high, pushing ten points through the hoop.

River Falls led, 25-24, at half-time but this lead was greatly increased during the third quarter when they ran up an 18 point lead at 47-29.

The Falcons played an improved game compared to their two previous appearances on the basketball court.

It was the second win in three starts for the Falcons. On Nov. 26 they lost to Newburg Studios, 74-59, while on Dec. 1 they defeated Augsburg, 58-49.

Ecelberger Killed in Car-Train Crash

William "Bill" Ecelberger, 18, a sophomore at River Falls from Pepin was killed in a car-train crash near Bloomer last Friday night. Riding with Ecelberger was Helen May Dallman of Bloomer.



Ecelberger

The accident occurred about a mile south of Bloomer. The car was struck by a train traveling about 70 miles per hour. Ecelberger was driving the auto, which was dragged about a half mile by the train.

Ecelberger and Miss Dallman, the only occupants in the car, apparently were killed instantly.

Funeral services were held for Ecelberger this morning, Dec. 5.

Masquers Production Is Judged Success

One of the best productions of all time, THE MALE ANIMAL, was presented here by the Masquers on Dec. 1 and 2.

Dr. Blanche Davis, director, and Dorothea Wilcox, student director, did extraordinary work in the production of the play.

The setting for the play was a mid-western college town. The story concerned a professor at the college who was fighting for academic freedom.

Bob Wickstrom, as the professor, had the sympathy of the audience with his great acting. Carol Feiler, the estranged wife, did a fine job.

Helen Ingels, displaying a brilliant accent, did a fine portrayal of the maid. Karl Kocher as Joe Ferguson also did a good job.

The selection of people for the portrayal of each character was excellent.

The performance ran smoothly throughout the three acts, with audience interest at a high point at all times.