

# The Student Voice

## An Overflow Crowd Sees 132 Graduate During Sunny Outdoor Exercises

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### Joan Drumm and Ronnie Jensen to Edit Meletean

Joan Drumm and Ronnie Jensen have been selected by the Student Senate to work as co-editors of the Meletean next year.

Joan Drumm is a junior from Manitowoc and is majoring in lower elementary and minoring in psychology. This year she has been active in the College Choir and has been an officer at Hathorn Hall, college dormitory. She has worked in LSA and will be in charge of publicity for that organization next year.

Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary scholastic fraternity, invited Joan into their organization this year and she will act as historian for them next year.

Before entering River Falls Joan attended the Manitowoc County Normal School in Manitowoc. While there, she had a job with the Boston Department Store and will work there again this summer.

Ronnie Jensen is a junior from Amery and is majoring in the liberal arts field, working toward a B. S. Degree. He is working on a major in history and minors in sociology and English.

All three years of Jensen's college life have been at River Falls. He has been active in college choir and will be its next year's business manager. He has been in the YMCA for three years and was president of the organization last year. Jensen was the sports editor of the Student Voice staff last year and was sports editor on the Meletean staff this year.

Intramural sports, USF (United Student Fellowship), and narrating for the College Band Concerts have taken up Jensen's spare time.

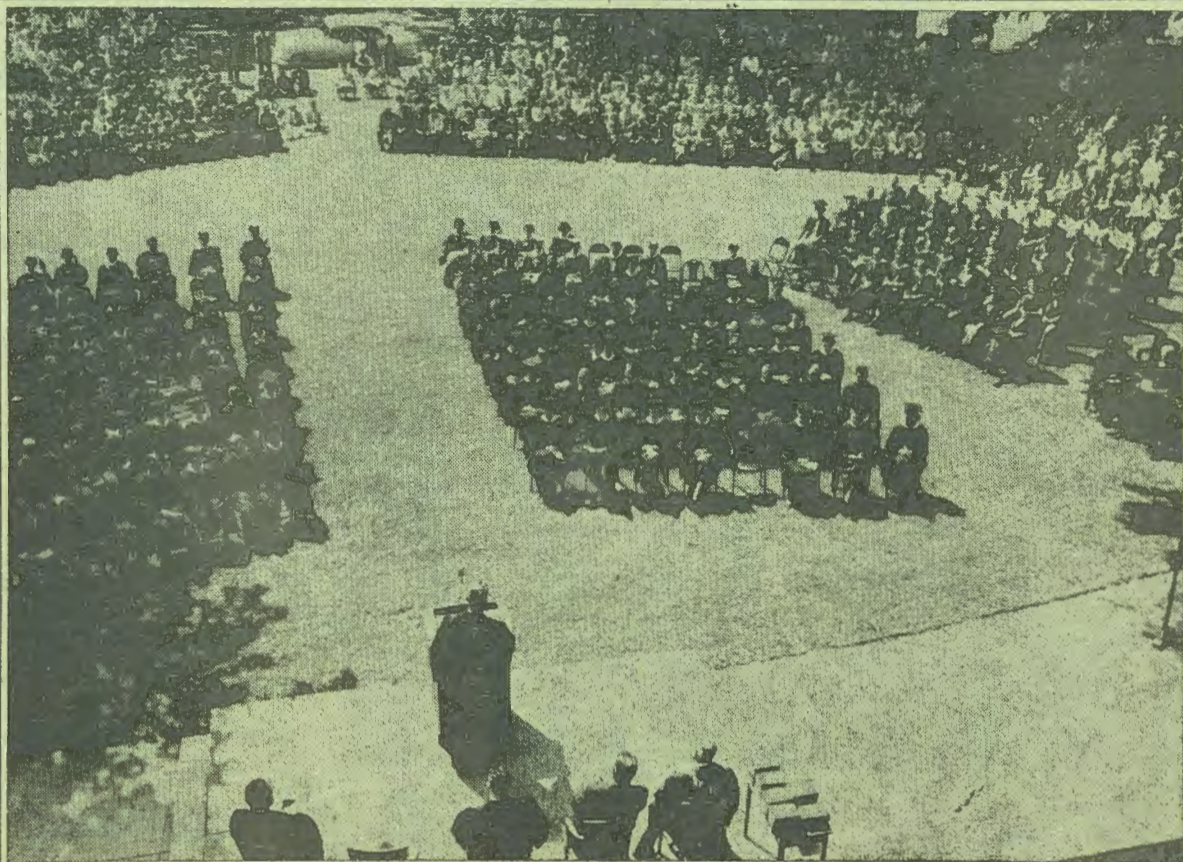
The two new editors have been working on next year's Meletean already. Students who would like to help on next year's annual are asked to contact either editor as soon as possible.

The editors would also like to remind underclassmen who are returning next fall, that pictures of each student will be taken at the beginning of the term, during registration.

### Shirley Neuner Will Edit Student Voice Next Year

Shirley Neuner, freshman from Sheldon, has been chosen by the Student Senate to be the editor of the Student Voice for the 1955-56 college year.

This year, Shirley has been an active worker on the Student Voice staff. She has contributed numerous feature



PART OF THE CROWD, which was estimated at 1500, attending the outdoor commencement exercises at River Falls Sunday afternoon and the graduating class are welcomed by President E. H. Kleinpell. The program capped a week-long schedule of graduation activities.

### Recognition Awards Given To Outstanding Students At Recent "Honors Day"

Recognition was given to outstanding students of Wisconsin State college at the Honors' Day assembly, Thursday, May 26. The assembly was the last convocation of the academic year.

The program opened with the processional lead by Mr. Setterquist, senior class advisor, in which cap and gowned seniors and faculty took part.

stories, general news reports and has also assisted in much of the "unglamorous" work, such as the distribution and folding of papers.

For the latter part of this quarter, Shirley has had the distinction of being, probably, the only woman sports editor on any state college newspaper.

This year Shirley has also worked extensively on the Meletean staff as copy writer. She had a part in the Freshman play, "Heaven Can Wait", and helped in stage work. She is also a member of Masquers, the college drama group.

Shirley is a member of Gamma Delta, Lutheran organization, and has worked in the College Placement Office during the year. She is majoring in history and minoring in Journalism with an eye on possible public relations work in the future.

President E. H. Kleinpell gave the opening address, directed to the graduating students. He emphasized the fact that the class of 1955 has been one of the most fortunate in the 80-year history of our college and that they have had the advantage of attending River Falls at a time when the college has experienced a major improvement in its physical facilities and has also attained academic maturity.

President Kleinpell spoke about several unique qualities that we have on this campus such as a democratic spirit and the interest of the faculty in good teaching. He stressed the need for the graduates to build their lives by progress and be aware of the dangers of rigid, stagnant conformity.

Music for the assembly was furnished by Sally Malone at the organ and the Women's Sextet: Elaine Mortonson, Mary Weatherhead, Mary Louise Olson, Audrey Windal, Elaine Solum and Marilyn Murphy.

Recognition awards for outstanding service were given the following:

Alpha Psi Omega—Julia Kaminski, Noel Falkofski, Laura Gard (Continued on Page Three)

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You can always pick a college man out of any crowd.  
Yes, too bad they are so untidy.

An overflow crowd of more than 1500 persons sat under sunny skies on North hall lawn last Sunday afternoon to hear the Reverend Reuben K. Youngdahl address the 77th commencement of Wisconsin State college at River Falls.

One hundred and thirty-two students received degrees or teaching certificates during the ceremony, including more than a dozen from River Falls.

Dr. Youngdahl, pastor of the Mount Olivet Lutheran church in Minneapolis and a renowned world-traveler, called upon his recent travel experiences for his message of brotherly love.

"One thing I have learned," he said, "is this: everyone, no matter what his race, creed or color, wants to be loved. He wants to belong to the human race, to be counted as a person."

The secret of happiness lies in the love of God, one's fellow man, and one's self, in that order," he continued "The real success of getting along in life is not technical know-how, but rather knowing how to get along with your fellow man and yourself."

Degrees and certificates were awarded by President E. H. Kleinpell. He also presented the candidates to the audience. Regent Herman T. Hagestad handed the awards to the students.

Also taking part in the exercises was the Reverend John Fritzmeier of River Falls and the State College band under the direction of B. J. Rozebral.

The academic procession across campus was led by Marshall Ted Setterquist of the College faculty. Degree and certificate candidates, faculty and faculty emeriti took part in the procession.

### Violinist To Play At Next Convo. Here, June 14

Twenty-year-old violinist Arthur Polson will present a concert at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre for the Summer Session students on June 14. He is a veteran performer as recitalist on an award winning tour of Western Canada, as concert master of the New Westminster Symphony Orchestra and as winner of the highest award in 32 years of the British Columbia Music Festivals, as well as scholarships every year for the past eight years.

Polson was born in Vancouver in 1935. He began studying the violin in 1942. Joy Calvert, concert master of the Vancouver Symphony in 1942, was Polson's first teacher, accepting him for study when he was only six years old. Later he sent Arthur to see Miss A. Coates, conductor of the ladies orchestra in that Canadian city, to study harmony and theory, knowing that the young man has the innate musical ability for a great career.

When Arthur Polson was twelve years old he won the Silver Medal for highest marks in the British Columbia Music Festival, when he was 16 he won the John Charles Thomas scholarship at Santa Barbara, California, the British Columbia Women's Music Club scholarship, and the Sir Ernest MacMillan scholarship. In the same year he toured 18 West Canada cities under the sponsorship of the Canadian Federation of Music (Continued on Page Three)

### Degrees Granted

Bachelor of Science  
Agricultural Education

Konval Bergum, Wheeler; Duane Butler, Winter; Lloyd Frye, LaFarge; James Goettl, Cadott; Richard Granum, Holmen; Donald Helberg, Spencer; Raymond Kaczmarzyk, Mosinee; Frank Kuznar, Hawkins; Stanley Lehman, Mondovi; Carroll Lodahl, Stanley; William McDougall, Mason; Charles Schindler, Kendall; Kenneth Schumacher, Cashton; Mathew Shubat, Mason; Eldon Skogen, Tomah; Ambrose Suess, Birnamwood; Gilbert Sykora, Bloomer; and Lawrence Witucki, Edgar.

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### River Falls Grads Accept Positions

The Placement Office of Wisconsin State college announces the following new placements of 1955 graduates:

Pearl Lien of Beldenville will teach at the Gertrude school in River Falls; Mrs. Kirjah Franz of Prescott has signed a contract to teach in the Sunny Side rural school at Prescott; Elaine Mortonson of Webster has accepted a teaching position at Osceola; Joan Traynor of Spring Valley will teach at the Locust Grove School in River Falls; Betty Erickson of Maiden Rock will teach at the Fargo school in River Falls.

Nancy Anger has accepted a position to teach fifth and sixth grades at Star Prairie; Lorraine Jensen of Friendship has signed a contract to teach second grade at Ellsworth; Jean Lock of Amery will teach second grade at Augusta; Lila Hofacker of Arpin will teach first and third grades at Elmwood; Dorothy Binkowski of Elmwood has signed a contract to teach fifth and sixth grades at Amery; and Mrs. Deborah Peters will teach in the Lund School at Maiden Rock.

Faith Erickson of Urbana, Ill., will teach the first grade; Sydney, Ill. Barbara Palewicz of Glenwood City will teach Math and English in the high school at Elk Mound.

Other graduates who have been placed in new positions with the aid of the Placement office include: Helen Peterson at New Richmond; Wesley Score at Barron; Mrs. John Peterson at Boyceville; Mrs. Myrtle Stirrat Larson at Prescott; Joyce Sharp at St. Paul; Wayne Otto at New Richmond; E. P. Height at Elmwood; Harold Gorr at Holcombe; Kenneth Nehmer at New London; Don Fick at Glenwood City; Vaughn Hoffman at Barron; and Roger Meyer at Lake Geneva.

### Foreign Students Give Thanks

TO YOU OF RIVER FALLS:

The Meletean of 1954-55, carries these words: "We dedicate, to the foreign students". These words mean a lot to the foreign students. The words of the president: "The Meletean this year, dedicated to our students from abroad . . . widening influence and growing prestige . . . add more enthusiasm to the whole show."

We arrived at the River Falls campus as strangers in a strange land. But the attitude of the people of River Falls accorded us a warm welcome. Our next burden was how to fit in with the college life, so different in most cases from those ways we were brought up.

The friendly attitudes of the president, registrar, the Deans, faculty members, student body and others in pow-

er made us feel at home. Ever after, River Falls Campus is a "home" in a strange land.

The winter was cold but the people were warm. This contrast soon made us forget the cold winter. The Spring term is made "warmer" by the dedication of the College Meletean to the foreign students, and the posting of one extra copy to the folks at home, undoubtedly, transfers the college to the homes of the foreign students.

We hope in our own little way we shall keep the flag "flying" to preserve and raise the name of this college.

To all those who have contributed to our welfare in one way or another, we say thank you . . . and happy days in the years to come.

Foreign Students



PUBLICATIONS ADVISOR P. V. PETERSON CONGRATULATES the 1955-56 Student Voice editor, Shirley Neuner, freshman from Sheldon, while Ron Jensen, left, junior from Amery and Joan Drumm, junior from Manitowoc, Co-editors of the 1956 Meletean watch.

# The Editor Speaks !!!

## YOU . . . ARE A SENIOR

The 1954-55 Student Voice staff would like to congratulate the graduating senior class. Our congratulations are not extended to you merely because you have spent four years in an institution of higher learning. On the contrary, we are patting you on the back because we feel that you are interested in the future of America. You must be interested to be willing to put four years of your time in on such a long range program—which promises you nothing. Nothing, that is, unless you have taken it upon yourself to get something out . . . and put something into your college years..

Those of you who are going on to teach . . . do it well. Don't ever get the attitude that teaching can be a hit or miss proposition . . . friend, it's got to be a hit . . . direct center!

For you that are going into business, agriculture, science, mechanics, etc., do it well. Do not forget that if you do not find yourself at the top of the ladder, and believe me, you won't, don't say that it is the college's fault. The college offered a pretty well rounded criteria of education. Whether you bothered to take advantage of it is something that will show up later on.

## GOOD LUCK TO THE NEW EDITOR

We wish Shirley Neuner all the success and luck possible, in her role as editor of next year's Student Voice. Shirley has worked hard this year and deserves the position as editor.

Just a word of caution, Shirley. There will be times when you will have the whole college, seemingly, jumping on your back. Technical errors, wrong dates, names and omissions are always noticed . . . and they always occur.

On the days you go to press, be sure to have enough coffee and cigarettes to keep your nerves together. And . . . when the old "pulp" comes off the press, don't feel too bad when someone picks it up and says "it sure was a good edition, but did you notice that the word parallelism was spelled with only one l?"

Remember, there are those who do appreciate your efforts, and they let you know about it. They keep you going.

# The New Editor Speaks . .

The 1954-55 school year has seen a number of significant changes in the Student Voice. The paper is now a weekly publication again, for the first time since World War II. It has been one of the most profusely illustrated college papers in the mid-west, if not in the nation, as it sought to picture the college, the administration and the students in their activities that are River Falls.

Those of us who have been selected to head the Voice staff during the 1955-56 year plan to maintain this present high standard, with an alert eye to improve where possible the quantity and quality of news coverage. We are already planning special events that must be reported upon next fall.

However, any student newspaper will succeed in its tasks only insofar as the students permit by their cooperation and criticisms. It is hoped that a large number of students will help edit the Voice next year, and that the era of the "two or three student publication" will vanish.

If one or two persons are left the formidable task of getting out the Voice weekly, the quality of the paper will suffer. But able assistance from interested students will do much to get out a newspaper for, and by the students of Wisconsin State college at River Falls.

It's YOUR paper, and we hope you will do something to help us put out YOUR newspaper!



SHOWN WITH HIS PARENTS is James Tilly, Fond du Lac, senior class president, who was one of Sunday's graduates.

# "Old Student" Praises Special Edition Of Voice

Omro, Wisconsin  
May 18, 1955

The Student Voice,  
River Falls, Wisconsin  
Dear Publishers:-

To begin with I must set the scene by explaining to you the usual routine around here every evening. First of all, upon arrival, I go and get the mail. Then on reaching home, the first thing there is to take our two Chesapeake Bay Retriever dogs out for their second run of the day. Then my evening chores are done and I can relax, read the paper, take care of any pressing mail and get ready for dinner.

But—last night, this routine was really disrupted. In the mail I noticed a copy of the Student Voice, and out of curiosity, I opened it as soon as I reached home. Then—gone was the daily dog run; gone was the thought of attending to my other mail; gone was the daily paper's perusal; gone were any thoughts of dinner; for I was a student again, living over some of the events that occurred during the time of the Student Voice's introduction.

Later, my wife discovered the mail and after getting the Student Voice, she was gone for an hour. You couldn't get her to answer a question. All you would get was a grunt for a reply.

We did enjoy that issue so much. You are to be congratulated on doing an excellent job. When your literary production carries your readers away like it did us, then you know you have reached a creditable position.

Why, the editor of that first edition of the Student Voice, darn him, was my roommate. The faculty advisor, Prof. A. J. Wickland, bless him, was my director in the Male Glee Club. I have always been interested in music, and the experiences of the Men's Glee Club work remains one of the highlights of my college period. Why the school does not have such an organization now, I cannot answer. It is well worth while. We used to get a pin, following a year of chorus work. If you want to see one of those pins, Monty Sanderson probably has his. The initials G and C were written as the two notes on the scale and together with the letters RF, made up the initials.

I remember, one spring we were going to Prescott for one of our concert tours, and we were to travel by car. In those days, cars weren't as plentiful as they are now, but enough chorus members had cars so that by careful planning, we could all get transportation. In order to make sure there would be enough seats, the order went out that no guests could accompany us. No, of course not, no one else would go along. But a couple of the boys had a couple of girl friends and they just invited their two true loves and drove over and to the deuce with the rest of the chorus. When Mr. Wickland heard of that, things exploded and for punishment for disobeying orders, he refused to allow those two boys their Glee Club pins for that year. But we all said, if they did not get their pins, the rest of us didn't want any either, and he relented, making every one happy. If I don't look out, this will become an ex-Student Voice, so again

Congratulations,  
Ralph B. Locke

## Voss Will Be With Playhouse

Herb Voss, senior from Portage, has been accepted as a member of the Westport Country Playhouse, Post Road, Westport, Conn., for the summer.

During his four years at River Falls, Herb has been outstanding in dramatics. He is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and Masquers. Herb was seen in several productions this year, having leading roles in "Pygmalion" and "Outward Bound". Besides being active in dramatics, Herb has lettered four years in football and is a member of the "R" Club.

Herb will report at Westport June 5. Plays there are directed by Broadway directors and heavy parts are played by successful actors from the New York stage.

## Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor:

On behalf of ourselves, the student body and the faculty, we would like to take this opportunity to put forth our congratulations to Jack Tooley on putting out such a fine piece of work as the 1955 Meletean. While Jack had a small, but able, staff to assist him, the main part of the concern lay in his hands. We feel this year's Meletean will stack up very well with the finest ever put out from this institution.

The experience gained through this endeavor will, undoubtedly, serve Jack in his studies at the University of Chicago, and also in his field of concern upon graduation. We all wish you the best of everything, Jack, and hope River Falls will always hold a special spot in your memories.

As co-editors of the 1955 Meletean, we will strive to maintain the precedent of quality which was started in the 1955 Meletean, and which we hope will become a traditional goal for future annuals.

Sincerely,  
Joan Drumm  
Ron Jensen  
1956 Meletean Co-Editors



## Music Notes

by Glenn Gill

Mr. Phillip Anderson of the education department was director of a junior high choir at Aniwa, Wis., in 1941. Mr. Anderson took over the choir while teaching seventh and eighth grades at Aniwa. Though unable to sing himself he says he had a lot of fun directing the 27 voice vocal group. In a local music festival the Aniwa choir received an "A" rating that year. In his grade school days Mr. Anderson was a boy soprano but later lost his singing ability. He also played violin in his high school orchestra.

## A Little Bit Light . . .

Many an alley cat can look at an ermine coat and say: There goes papa.

I saw you walking an elephant down the street.

How do you manage to lead an animal like that??

It's not so hard—you just tie a rope on him; find out which way he wants to go and then hang one.

The word alimony is merely a contraction of "all his money."

A divinity student named Tweedle Refused to accept his degree, He didn't object to the Tweedle, But he did the Tweedle, D. D.  
—Minneapolis Tribune

# Are We . . . Civilized?

by William Beck

Listening to the radio this morning, a little more closely than usual, made me wonder about what kind of a society we actually live in. Are we the civilized, cultured humans we claim to be? I think not. At least, not in the sense of being any more "civilized" (as such) than are the drum-beating natives in some of the countries of the world. For instance:

What makes a "popular tune" popular? Is it the use of interest-getting, intelligent lyrics? Or is it the perfection brought about by the fine use of learned composition?

I prefer to say that it is neither. It seems to me that the only reason, with a few exceptions of course, "popular songs" are popular is because there is nothing that can be done about the quality of music put on the market. If, in a small town, there is only one shoe store and there is no mail service or means of getting out of town, the people are consequently forced to buy whatever shoes the shoe-man chooses to sell them. The same thing seems to be true in the "world of music". The public is forced to listen to the songs available which means that the public does not "pick" the hit tunes, as the publicity men being paid for plugging songs, would have us believe.

Disc Jocks Decide What We Can Hear

For instance, you have heard songs that would make a child's nursery song look like a German Opera. How many children would waste their time wondering about where the baby's dimple is going to be? Or, to be a little more nasty toward our present day "music", how many songs being blasted over radio and TV say anything.

Isn't it a fact that we all live in such a Cinderella world that it is pathetic? We consider the savage in the Belgian Congo to be an idiotic, unintelligent thing and then we have the nerve to call ourselves civilized. We spend thousands of dollars a year paying for the broadcasting of some stupid, nonsensical "popular" song, written by the hasty New York writer who turns them out on the assembly line fashion. We laugh at the Indians and natives because they wear "funny earrings" and "paint their bodies". Ha! Have you ever seen "civilized" people celebrating a mardi gras or attended a Hal-lowe'en ball. It's simply ridiculous the way they assume the role of childish imps.

What I'm hinting at is, isn't it about time we headed our society toward a little mature level? LET'S NOT RUN IT AMUCK, EH WHAT?

## Official Notices

All Lab. tickets must be turned into the business office for refunds by 4:30 Friday, June 3.

## STUDENT VOICE STAFF 1954-55

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# Falcon Season Had Impressive Record In Football, Basketball, Baseball and Track

## FOOTBALL

The Falcon football squad under Coach Phil Belfiori finished the 1954 season in fifth place with a record of three wins and two losses in Conference play. The all-over record for the season was six victories and two defeats. Three men placed on the honorary All-Conference team. They were Clair Murphy, Falcon's most valuable player; Reg Hansen, Falcon captain; and Bob Margotto.

Some of the unforgettable high spots for River Falls fans were the rain-soaked contest with Eau Claire, the heartbreaking La Crosse game and a freak catch made by an Oshkosh player on his back.

The Falcons chalked up 184 points for the season is compared to 68 for the opposition.

## BASKETBALL

In basketball the Falcon five fought their way into a runner-up position behind the Conference champs from Eau Claire. River Falls' conference record was nine and two and their season's record was 14 wins and 4 losses.

Men placing on the All-Conference squad were graduating seniors **ZEKE WELLS, CABBY WILD** and **BOB WILLIAMS**.

The Falcons went over the century mark five times during the season and had a game average of 85.3 points. River Falls scored a total of 1632 points to their opponents 1488.



**MISS ADELINE LEVIN**, instructor in Health and physical education at Wisconsin State College. She is advisor to the WRA and also the Dance Theatre group. Miss Levin is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has attended Columbia University. At the present time she is working on her Doctorate in Health at New York University.

## VIOLINIST—

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Teachers Association. The next year he won the Challenge Silver Cup for unaccompanied Bach sonatas and the Challenge Silver Cup for violin concertos.

Last year he astounded British Columbia Music Festival officials with a rating of 95 which was the highest ever awarded in the contest during the 82 years of its existence and was the first 95 that adjudicator Guy Jonson of London, England, had given in Canada.

Throughout his brief but successful career critics have always noted that Polson's playing expresses a remarkable maturity and understanding of the music. And adjectives like, "fine violin playing thrills gallery crowd," and "outstanding virtuosity, brilliance and temperament," indicate the high regard that critics hold for the young violinist.

For the program here on June 14, Polson will present an enjoyable selection of music from his large repertoire. A program has been scheduled to demonstrate his amazing ability, beautiful tone, and the fire and temperament of his playing.

Judge: Why did you hit him with the chair?  
Accused: Because I couldn't lift the piano!

## HONORS DAY—

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ner, Tom Haugen, Pat Williams, Yvonne Olsen, George Wolf, Roland Grothe, Dorothy Frederickson.

**Football**—Herb Voss, Ron Wunrow, Don Helberg, Reg Hansen, Roger Hanson, Bill Kraft, Art Stabner, Joe Burgoyne, Wayne Haushalter, Jim Finstad, Donald Amberg, Don Daniels, Dick Schwenk, Vern Steinmetz, Gene Luebker, Tony DiSalvo, Clair Murphy, Bob Wood, John Steffen, Jerry Route, Bob Margotto, Bob Hubert, Bob Kruger, Stan Mares, Larry Miller, Bill Werbeckes, Darrell Johnson, Rusty Titel.

**Basketball**—Bob Williams, Richard Wells, Cabby Wild, Dave Herum, Darrell Youngberg, Dave Fisher, Dick Fischer, Bob Hubert, Jerry Carter, Sam Erickson.

**Track**—Joe Dahlby, Roger Husser, Phil Kuss, Bob Wood, Dick Zamjahn, Jim Finstad, Bill Brandt.

**Baseball**—Troy Rudesill, Dick Fischer, Louie Johnson, Paul Johnson, Bob Hubert, Merwin Moen, Dick Hoffman, John Steffen, Paul Schuman, Dave Fisher, Cabby Wild, Gene Luebker, Ray Rowan, Dale Crisler.

**Athletic Managers**—John Matson, Bob Davee, Bob Peot, Gary Jensen.

**Dance Theatre**—Jenny Sue Garnett.

**F.F.A.**—Ray Kaczmarzyk.  
**Kolberg Award**—Richard Wells.  
**Publications**—Student Voice—Myron Gayle Moen; Meletean—Jack Tooley.

**Pi Kappa Delta**—Degree of Special Distinction, Order of Debate — Annette Peterson, Order of Honor in Oratory—Larry Henneman and Jerry Murphy.

**Degree of Proficiency**—Shirley Engleman, Beverly Domaika, Willard Ridley, Jerry Anderson.

**Degree of Fraternity**—Mary Lou Jensen, Delon Hansen, Ronald Losness, Arlen Christenson, Richard Waak, Paul Hedstrom, Laura Gardner, Julia Kaminski, Herb Voss.  
**Music**—Bob Strain, Louise Thompson, Don Cooper, Mildred Narlock.

**Special award by the foreign students**—Glenn Junkman.

**Chemistry**—Calvin Martell.  
**W.R.A.**—Gold W.R.A. pins—Joy Seyforth, Mary Murphy, Sally Dickenson.

**Award sweaters**—Barbara Rohl, Shirley Johnson, Aleda Peth, Blake Murray.

**Letter**—Janis Olufson, Mae Wiskerchen, Doris Lindemann.

**Emblems**—Joanne Jensen, LeVaun Swartz, Nancy Yira, Gerry Beggs, Mickey Tetzloff, Alice Adams, Beverly Stovern, Nathalie Vanderhoof, Sally Hellenberger, Annette Richardson.

A gold gavel was awarded to Sally Dickenson for being past president of the W.R.A.

**Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**—Reg Hansen, Harley Harkness, Kathleen Miller, Annette Peterson, Phyllis Pabst, Les Newville, Joy Seyforth, Charles Schindler, Richard Wells, Lawrence Witucki.

**YM-YW**—Eleanor Ford, Richard Pederson.

**American Legion**—Clair Murphy.

**Academic Scholarships**—A.A.U.W.—Doris Lindemann.

**Alumni-Faculty**—James Sparks.

**Augusta Thomas Memorial**—Ardis Miller.

**Business and Professional Women**—Joanne Crownhart.

**Class of 1924**—Jerome Johnson.

**Doughboy Mills**—Dennis Seefeldt.

**Faculty Women's Club**—Donna Proue.

**E. H. Kleinpell**—Ronnie Jensen.

**Language Arts**—Noel Falkofske.

**Langwear, Inc.**—Harry Elzinga.

**Lions Club**—James Finstad.

**River Falls College Foundation**—Shirley Engleman.

**River Falls State Bank**—Beverly Domaika.

**Sigma Chi Sigma**—Joan Drier.

**Y.M.C.A.**—Richard Pederson.

**Awards**  
**A.A.U.P.**—Richard Wells.  
**P.E.O.**—Darlene Zielkie.

**Senior Gold "R"**  
(2.5 Average)  
\*LaVon Jensen, Raymond



ENJOYING A GOOD CIGAR at the recent men's smoker is Mr. Ted Setterquist, senior class advisor shown chatting with senior Don Helberg from Spencer, center, and Lawrence Witucki, left, senior from Edgar.

## Men's "Smoker" Had Dr. McLaughlin As Speaker

The Senior Men's "Smoker" was held at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, May 24th, in the student activity room. Dr. James McLaughlin gave a short talk—"On behalf of the faculty, I want to say that we have enjoyed you as students in our classes and your good fellowship in extra-curricular activities. In our classes we have valued your skepticism, your questions, your ideas, and the leavening in college life that each one of you contributed."

"Each one of you has had your part and is leaving your mark on our college—no matter how insignificant you may think you have been. You have had an effect on your friends, fellow students, and faculty. The interplay of a lot of you make the whole school, its character, reputation, prestige and its traditions."

"You will be graduating from college with a far different set of values than those you possessed when you graduated from high school. We hope that you have among your values an appreciation of public education, especially of what the state has done for you and what is expected in return. The State has spent some \$3,500 on your education at River Falls during the past four years. Each graduate must ask the question why such an expenditure has been made. You have years to answer that question and how well you answer it is left entirely to you."

Mr. T. E. Thoreson as master of ceremonies introduced Mr. B. J. Rozehnal, Dean of Men, who accompanied the men in singing a group of popular folk songs. Mr. Glenn Junkman, retiring mathematics professor, was the honored guest. He was presented with a scroll inscribed with the names of the graduating seniors and faculty.



THE PROCESSIONAL crosses Cascade Avenue as graduating students begin the 1955 commencement program.

## BASEBALL

The Falcon nine under the leadership of Coach Bill Solley finished the 1955 season with a four and four record, placing third in the Bi-State Conference behind Winona and St. Cloud. The season's record was four wins and six losses for the red and white.

The season's results are:  
River Falls 5, Eau Claire 0.  
River Falls 3, La Crosse 8.  
River Falls 3, La Crosse 9.  
River Falls 9, Stout 3.  
River Falls 5, Eau Claire 11.  
River Falls 2, St. Cloud 10.  
River Falls 7, St. Cloud 5.  
River Falls 6, Stout 1.  
River Falls 2, Winona 4.  
River Falls 0, Winona 4.

## TRACK

Track, under the leadership of Coach Fran Polesfoot, took a big step forward to becoming a major sport at River Falls during 1955. The cinder-men took two seconds and two thirds and scored a total of 172 1/7 points during the season.

Indications that other colleges are recognizing the track potential of River Falls is shown in the fact that both the Bi-State and the Wisconsin State College track meets will be held at Ramer Field next spring.

1955 Track results:

La Crosse Meet — 28 points, third place.  
Winona Meet—71 points, second place.  
Bi-State Meet—43 1/7 points, second place.  
Wisconsin State College Meet—30 points, third place.

## BATTING AVERAGES

	H	AB	Pct.
Dave Fisher	13	36	.361
Cabby Wild	12	34	.353
Bob Hubert	2	6	.333
Gene Luebker	11	34	.325
Dick Fischer	8	25	.320
Dick Hoffman	10	34	.294
John Steffen	10	36	.277
Paul Schuman	3	11	.273
Bud Pederson	5	24	.209
Troy Rudesill	3	26	.115
Roy Rowan	1	6	.163

WHICH WAY AMERICA

# We Need Engineers Said President Of Gen. Electric

by Dorothy Mosher

The shortage of engineering students stressed in an article last week in this paper is substantiated by Ralph J. Cordiner, President of the General Electric Company. Our greatest potential shortage is people. "Despite industry's growing demand for technically trained men, the number of United States engineering graduates has dropped rapidly. Conversely Russia has almost doubled its annual output of technical manpower," said Cordiner at the 59th Annual Congress of the American Industry of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"Andrei Vishinsky, the late Russian delegate to the United Nations, made a comment in 1954 that deserved more attention than it received. He said: 'We do not fear the H-bomb. We do not need to conquer the world that way. We have a philosophy, a program, and a passion'."

Recently published studies show that the Soviet world currently outstripping us in the race for trained scientists, engineers, and technicians. In 1950 Russia's graduate engineers were about half those of the United States. In 1954 she trained 54,000 engineers as compared to 20,000 graduated in the United States.

Cordiner believes that our greatest challenge for long range planning is the development of men, but it is not with mere numbers of people that we are concerned. The level of training and education which will be required will place brains in a greater demand than brawn as motors and electronic controls take over more and more of the back breaking jobs.

"There was a comment in one of the news magazines, recently, to the effect that the men in the Kremlin base their actions on strategic goals that are 25 years in the future. In contrast, said the commentator, we seem content to improvise from crisis to crisis."

"That situation may be changing. Under the present administration our foreign policy is becoming increasingly coherent in long-range terms. But the general point is well taken. No nation, no industry, no manager can exercise leadership and move confidently without the benefit of long range plans."

"What kind of world do we want in 1976, when this great experiment in human freedom, called the United States of America, is 200 years old? Whether or not freedom on this planet, as we presently know freedom, is preserved for the next century, may well depend on the plans business men are making now for that future. Our future is, in fact, now."

Our need for more engineers is urgent but the problem is not

confined to a shortage of technically trained people. Today we face a shortage of education at every level of schooling. There is a serious shortage of both teachers and facilities at the elementary and secondary school level.

Cordiner also states, "We already have a shortage of more than 300,000 classrooms and the full impact of the phenomenal birth rate of the 1940's will not impinge on our schools until 1956. 'We need long range planning in business and industry to make the most effective application of human resources, money, physical assets, and time to the achievement of our common objectives.'"

Let us consider the challenges to management's long-range planning. Are we going to have the imagination, the foresight, and the long-range plans necessary to convert atomic fission from our major sources of fear into one of our major sources of fuel energy in the next century? Can we make machines the slaves of men instead of having men the slaves of machines?

Mr. Cordiner answers, "We must plan mechanization at an increasing rate if we are to meet the production demands that will be made upon us. The answer lies in increasing productivity at each stage of development in our operations. There are many progressive steps from the initial hand operation through varying degrees of mechanization up to the completely automatic factory. The process will be evolutionary rather than revolutionary, and the development of skilled people trained in the art at each stage of development must accompany the development of the machines and controls. One of the great opportunities of automation is to make more industrial jobs worthy of human judgement and skills."

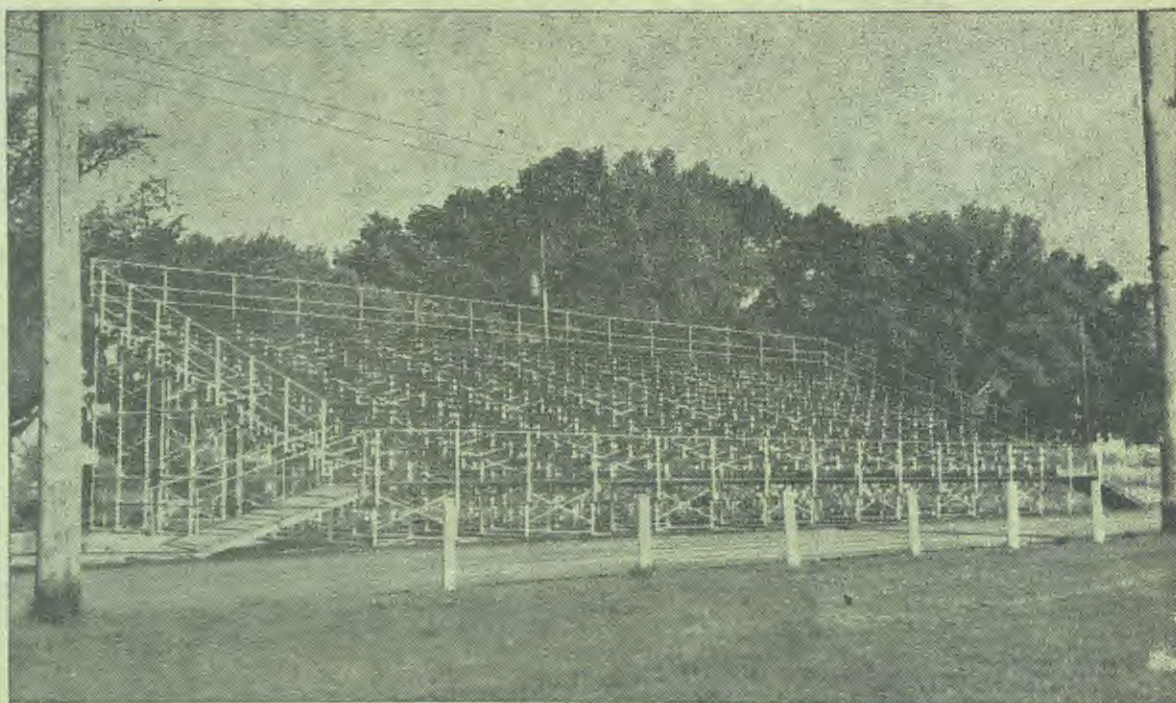
### TOOTH-YANKERS HONORED

Several former Pre-Dental students at River Falls, were honored recently at the School of Dentistry at the University of Minnesota. Receiving awards at the Honors Day assembly were Gilbert E. Lilly, 1949-51; Andrew Kristo, 1951-53; and Richard J. Rozehnal, 1951-53. Richard is the son of Mr. B. J. Rozehnal, Dean of Men at River Falls State college.

### YOUTH GROUP PLANS SWIM JUNE 3

The St. Croix County Older Youth Group is planning to have a swimming party at the River Falls Community Pool on June 3, at 8 p.m. A wiener roast will be served, for 25c. All people between 16 and 30 years old are invited to attend.

Lady: I'm divorcing you, John. I need a Spanish type for the apartment.



NEW semi-permanent steel bleachers have been built at Ramer field. They were paid for from state funds.



**DISTRIBUTING THE LAST COPY** of the 1955 Meletean is the editor, Jack Tooley, sophomore from Antigo. Jack recently received notification that he is the recipient of a full tuition scholarship to the University of Chicago for the school year 1955-56. Besides editing the Meletean, Jack has also served as school photographer for the past two years.

### DEGREES GRANTED WERE: (Continued from page one)

**Bachelor of Science Elementary Education**  
Ruth Abrahamson, Amery; William Amundson, Clear Lake; Lyle Boland, Durand; Fay Cameron, Ladysmith; Betty Chapin, River Falls; Elliott Chappelle, River Falls; Clarence Clement, Cave-in-Rocks, Illinois; Helen Davis, Spring Valley; Mary Doolittle, River Falls; Joan Hanson Erickson, Durand; Norris Erickson, Glen Flora; Gertrude Fredericks, Turtle Lake; Randal Genrich, Dorchester; James Grady, Jr., Minneapolis; Dorothy Guilday, Rhinelander; Harley Harkness,

Gary, Ind.; LaVon Jensen, River Falls.

Nancy Johanson, Lake Elmo, Minn.; Arnell Johnson, River Falls; Wannie Johnson, River Falls; Jeannine Kuhn, Wilson; Pearl Kurtzman, River Falls, Margaret McCabe, New Richmond; Patricia McCollow, River Falls; Julia McKeivitt, Kenosha; Arlene Miller, Maiden Rock; Kathleen Miller, Clayton; Mildred Narlock, Iola; Mary Nugent, Ellsworth; Esther Oberg, Hager City; LeRaine Olson, St. Paul, Minn.; Vivian Olson; Phyllis Pabst, Clayton; Jerry Route, Amery.

Darlene Ruhnke, Hastings; Doris Schaffer, Clayton; Mary Maurina Schumacher, Owen; Joy Seyforth, Ellsworth; Shirley Stehr, Balsam Lake; Julia Stelen, Beldenville; Mary Sykes, Cameron; Clarence Sylla, Glenwood City; Marian Thompson, Ellsworth; Virginia Thompson, Chipewewa Falls; Susan Wiff, Spring Valley; Ruth Williams, Turtle Lake; and Faith Erickson, Urbana, Ill.

### Bachelor of Science Secondary Education

John Augsburger, Red Wing, Minn.; Henry Beyer, Hager City; Richard Buck, River Falls; Donald Carew, Elcho; Cleland Cook, Luck; Sally Dickenson, Hubertus; Wilbur Falkenthal, Cumberland; Roger Hammer, Hawkins; Glenn Hansen, Fond du Lac; Reginald Hansen, Fond du Lac; Alvin Hawkinson, River Falls; John Leadholm, Amery; Gerhard Luetchwager, Ringle; Mary Murphy, Ellsworth; Barbara Palewicz, Glenwood City. Annette Peterson, Minneapolis;

Donald Richards, River Falls; Keith Schmidt, Ladysmith; Richard Seekamp, River Falls; James Shock, Stanley; Robert Strain, Baldwin; Louise Thompson, Hammond; James Tilly, Fond du Lac; Herbert Voss, Portage; Richard Wells, River Falls; Clarence Wild, Medford; Robert Williams, Barron; and Donald Zimmerman, Fond du Lac.

### Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts

Ronald Ames, Ellsworth; Leslie Newville, Prairie Farm; and Marian Wallesverd, Wilson.  
**Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts**  
Halbert Belt, Tomah; George Foss, River Falls; Bert Isaacson, St. Paul; Francis Jankowski, Fern; Robert Krueger, New Richmond; Donald Malmo, River Falls; Clair Murphy, River Falls; and Claire Richardson, Watertown.

### Three Year Course in Elementary Education

Bertha Meike, Deer Park; Betty June Oestreich, Loyal; Margaret Ramey, Stillwater, Minn.; Dorothy Roepke, Woodville; and May VanTassel.

### Two Year Course in Rural Education

Sylvia Anderson, Wheeler; Nancy Anger, River Falls; Viola Bristol, Ellsworth; Betty Erickson, Maiden Rock; James Gehring, Colfax; Ardelle Hansen, Luck; Lila Hofacker, Arpin; Lorraine Jensen, Friendship; Ivis Jean Loock, Amery; Loretta Lynnum, Woodville; Laura Maki, Edgar; Elaine Mortson, Webster; Audrey Route, River Falls; LaVonne Thompson, Luck; Joan Traynor, Spring Valley; Dalores Olson, Pepin; and Dorothy Blinowski, Elmwood.



ADDRESSING THE 1955 GRADUATES is Rev. Reuben K. Youngdahl, commencement speaker. Seated left to right are: Edward J. Prucha, Registrar; Herman T. Hagestad, Regent; Rev. John Fritzmeier, who gave the invocation and benediction; and President E. H. Kleinpell.

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