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Annual Masked Ball Friday Evening Center of Attraction

Interscholastic Music Contest Here April 26-7

Additional High Schools to Make Initial Appearance In Regional Display

(By Marvin D. Geere)

The College and the city of River Falls will soon be called upon to again pay host to the Tenth Annual Interscholastic Music Contest.

After a hurried summary of registrations the director, Professor Marvin D. Geere, estimates there will be at least 1500 contestants, directors, and principals directly participating in the contest. This estimate does not include relatives, friends, and others interested in the contest. Some 30 high schools are enrolled, making this the largest in the history of the contests to date.

In order to complete the contest in the time allotted it will be necessary to conduct two programs simultaneously Thursday and Friday until noon in both North and South Halls.

New Schools Partake

Six or seven new high schools will make their initial appearance at the contest, showing the growth of the contest idea in this section.

It is estimated that there are from four to five million high school pupils participating in music contests annually, proving beyond a doubt that the country is beginning to realize the value of musical training in the education of the child and that it is fast assuming its rightful place as an integral part of the school curriculum.

River Falls Pioneer Contest

The River Falls contest is a pioneer organization in Wisconsin; and, since its inception, contests have been organized in every section of the state until today the state is practically covered and every school, no matter how large or how small, has easy access to one or more of them.

The River Falls contest is crowded to capacity in running its schedule of events in two days and two nights while most of the state contests are "run off" Saturday afternoon and evening, proving beyond a doubt that the River Falls organization has the largest enrollment in the state with the possible exception of the State contest itself.

Its standards are high, the competition is keen, and nowhere in the state will you find better directed and more efficient work than is found in our local contest.

Rating System Used

The rating system of judging the merits of various groups will be used this year. This is being generally accepted as the best method and avoids the rigid designation of first's and second's, etc. The judges' appraisal of the performances will be in terms of "superior", "excellent", "good", and "fair".

In the matter of soloists, the first, second, and third appraisals will be the rule.

A "Grand Championship" award will be made the school that secures

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Directs Music Contest



Professor Marvin D. Geere

Musical Drama Given Tonight

A Capella Chorus, Dancers, and Soloists to Assist in Operetta "Romany Rede"

Tonight, at 8 o'clock, Cara Amelia Wharton will present the College Girls' Glee Club in "Romany Rede", a Spanish gypsy episode in a one act operetta for women's voices by Elias Blum, in the college auditorium.

The cast of characters includes Dolores, a basket vender, Wilma DeMaster; Veta, a young gypsy maiden, Alice Lund; Chita, a fortune teller, Mrs. Yerda Robertson; Marinita, a Spanish peasant woman, Marjorie Gallup; gypsy maidens, Glee Club; solo dancers, Inez Hocking, Louise Swanson and Marjorie Afdahl; pianist, Mary Jane Larson; violinists, Phyllis Glass and Gerhardt Tostrud; cello, Maurice Shepard; clarinet, John Ordahl. The dances are directed by Mary Louise Branstad. The lighting effects are by Donald May and Mr. Jacobson. The operetta is given by permission of the copyright owners, Oliver Ditson Company.

The A Capella Chorus, under the direction of Professor Marvin D. Geere, will sing two selections, "By the River" Thome, and "Home on the Range" Albeniz. Mr. John Crow of Maiden Rock will sing the solo part of the latter number.

Mary Jane Larson will play the piano solo "Seguidillas" by Albeniz.

Gould Relates Experiences on Byrd Expedition

Greatest Mass of Ice in the World Rich With Coal Found in Antarctic

Dr. Larry Gould of Carleton college gave an educational lecture on the first Byrd expedition at the assembly period Thursday, April 12. Dr. Gould was second in command on this expedition.

"Palm trees once grew in that region," claimed Dr. Gould. "It contains the greatest coal reserves in the entire world." The Antarctic must have been something besides a barren waste as people have always supposed.

In describing their ship Dr. Gould said, "The ship was built in 1874 and it should have been sunk in 1876."

Colored slides and movies of their expedition aided him in giving specific illustrations and details of his experiences. From his account of his dog team and his favorite lead dog "Al Smith" one learned that the dogs are not only useful but friendly. Of his dog "Al Smith" he said, "I don't know whether it was because of or in spite of the fact that his name was 'Al Smith' that he was such a good dog, you'll have to let your politics decide."

Aside from other accounts of experiences with Antarctic animal life Dr. Gould lecture stressed his dog sled trip from Little America toward the South Pole. It was on this trip that he discovered the Rockefeller Mountains and the records left by Admiral Roale Amundson.

He and five Yale college boys started out on this journey with the purpose of caching supplies for the flight over the South Pole by Byrd.

On December 20 they had crossed the 150th meridian and claimed land for the United States. The movies illustrated the ceremony which they performed in the cold windy region.

In conclusion Dr. Gould explained that that part of the Antarctic in which he had placed a sheet of his note book was legally the possession of the United States. "We are now joint owners of the greatest piece of ice in all the world," he said.

Fred Hovde Speaks to Honor Society

Mr. Fred Hovde, prominent as a football star at the University of Minnesota in 1928 and 1929, and winner of a Rhodes scholarship, will speak on life at Oxford at a meeting of the Honor Society next week.

Mr. Hovde is at present a popular young lecturer in the Twin Cities.

Doudna Speaks At Assembly

Gives Ryan Credit for State Organization; Comments on Student Indifference

Mr. Edgar G. Doudna, Secretary of the Board of Regents, presented a talk in assembly Tuesday, April 17, in which he told the history of Wisconsin until 1848, incidents in his life, and humorous anecdotes on the teaching profession.

When Wisconsin wanted a constitution, Edward George Ryan played an important part in molding it. He firmly believed that law was an instrument of the people to be used for the good of the people.

One great provision in our constitution is certainly based upon sound principles that which contains a provision against state debt.

There was in our early history much dispute about the north-west boundary line, but finally the writers of the constitution decided that the northwest territory wasn't any good anyway; consequently the boundary was fixed at the St. Croix rather than the Mississippi River.

Mr. Doudna told of the incident of President Roosevelt's speech over radio in which he announced that there are too many school teachers. Somebody warned the school teachers to be careful because only a month before he had made the statement that there were too many pigs and look what happened to the pigs.

Mr. Doudna thinks that our present schools lack something that was present in the old schools, the feeling that America is the best country in the world. Now days students are too indifferent.

Canadian Royal Mountie Denies Existence of a Real Woman Hater

Girls, you might just as well begin sobbing. You never do get the breaks! The adored hero, Mr. Sidney Montague, is married!—So our last vestige of hope has vanished.

Mr. Montague says there is red snow in the North. He has seen it several times. (That, Mr. Vogeles, is for your benefit.)

The Canadians send planes to the Arctic but flying is rather hazardous due to the fact that the weather is so undependable. There is always a strong wind there.

The Eskimos do have recreation. They play ball in some form or other and they dance. Their dancing is in the form of a religious ceremony, not at all like our modern dancing. It is much like the Indian form of dancing, an individual matter.

In case you have wondered, Mr. Montague says that the Eskimo girls are quite lovely. Their figures are different from those of the American girl, being rather stocky and muscular. Their features are truly lovely, however, and Mr. Montague said smilingly, "Many of them are far better looking than the white girls I have seen."

Mr. Montague admitted quite frankly that the Eskimo girls did rush him. He said, "They are subject to deeper feelings just like any other girls."

Perhaps you've heard that Mr. Montague is a woman hater. He denies that. "I don't believe there is such a thing as a woman hater," he protested. After a man has been on a long trip lasting five or six months

without seeing a woman he naturally becomes lonesome for the opposite sex. You have no idea how good it feels merely to see an Eskimo woman after being away for a few months."

White men do not take their wives to the Arctic with them for it is against the law. As long as Mr. Montague was in the Arctic, he never saw a baldheaded man or a fat Eskimo.

He made his first public appearance about three years ago, speaking before President Hoover in Washington. He is in line for a position connected with the ambassadorship from Canada.

Mr. Montague has written several articles for papers and magazines. At present he is half through with a book to be published in September.

Atmosphere of Festivity to Feature Masquerade Ball In North Hall Gym

Six Prizes Awarded

The annual masquerade dance planned by the social committee will be held Friday evening, April 20, in the North Hall gymnasium beginning at 8:30.

Six prizes will be awarded: one for the best man's costume, best woman's costume, best couple, best group, the most comical costume, and the best costume worn by a faculty member.

A festive atmosphere will be created by a score of varicolored balloons dropped in the midst of the masked dancers. The lucky balloons will contain money prizes of dollar bills or smaller sums.

Unmasked dancers will not be admitted until after 10 o'clock. The judges will award the prizes for the winning costumes previous to that time.

The entire student body and faculty members are invited to enjoy an evening of revelry amid colorful gay costumes by dancing to the delightful syncopated music of Bastin's Orchestra of Stillwater.

There will be no admission charge.

District Forensic Contest Here Saturday, April 28

The district forensic contest for those high schools whose contestants have won the league contests in this district will be held in the college auditorium on Saturday, April 28.

The program will consist of the following events:

Extempore speaking 11:15

Extempore reading 2:00

Oratory 4:00

Declamation 7:30

Winners will go to Madison for the state contest.

In last year's contest, judged by Mr. Cochran of Carleton College, the district winners were as follows:

Declamatory—Helen Olson, Amery

Extempore reading—Jule Deneen, Hammond

Oratory—William McEwen, River Falls.

Baldwin high school won the oratorical contest of the Future Farmers of America held at Roberts high school, Wednesday, April 11.

Roberts and River Falls high schools were the other contestants.

The contest was judged by Prof. Walker D. Wyman.

Professor May Attends State Regional Meeting

Professor John M. May, who has been absent for the past few days, was attending one of the annual regional meetings of the State Supervisors and Teachers Trainers in Agricultural Education at Indianapolis, Indiana. The object of this conference was to discuss and settle problems in vocational agriculture.

There were representatives present from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, and Wisconsin.

Mr. May traveled with a representative from the University of Wisconsin from Madison to the convention.

The River Falls Student Voice

aims to promote school spirit, to further professional interests, and to maintain River Falls Teachers College traditions.

Advertising the School

Of what value is a school paper? No doubt if this question were submitted to the student body a variety of answers would be given. Perhaps it is entirely a matter of personal opinion and a subject upon which no definite conclusions can be reached.

Among the reasons which should justify the existence of a school publication is that of advertising the school. During this era of intense competition it should be to the advantage of every River Falls graduate and student to boost the college as much as possible.

The school publication should reflect the atmosphere of the campus and classrooms. Everyone here has the privilege of voicing his opinion as long as he stays within certain bounds which are very liberal. Too often it happens that the opinions expressed are by people who have a personal grievance or by some radical enthusiast who has an inspiration to remodel the whole institution with a few strokes of his pen. Thus it often occurs that the published opinions do not reflect the true atmosphere of the school.

Every issue of the Student Voice is mailed to more than 150 high schools throughout the state. It brings a picture of school life at River Falls to a large audience.

We do not have to be hypocrites in order to create a favorable picture of our school life. Few of us would ever admit to our friends in other colleges that our alma mater was surpassed by theirs.

Let us strive to make this picture as real and as favorable as possible. Voice some of your pleasant opinions as well as your dissatisfactions.
A. N.

Absences Are Expensive

Four thousand two hundred and sixty-seven dollars are wasted by the men students of the River Falls State Teachers College each term because of absences. This is an estimate of the money the state spends on each student and that which he spends on himself.

Estimates show that during the winter term this year there were 2,900 absences from classes among the boys. This figure averages about ten hours or two and one-half days a term for each student.

The state spends approximately \$125 a term on each student or about \$2.08 a day. Thus, if a student is absent two and one-half days he wastes \$5.20 of the state's money. The average waste for the two hundred and ninety students would amount to \$1,508.

The Dean states that in each term there are about thirty failures due directly to absences. This is the equivalent of seven and one-half persons failing in their complete courses. Those thirty failures would cost the state \$937. In all, the state would lose \$2,445 for the term's absences.

Perhaps the student does not care what he costs the taxpayer, but certainly what he costs himself must be of some concern. It is generally figured that including only such things as school fees, room and board, and school supplies, a student uses \$275 a year or \$92 a term. The average daily cost of his education would be \$1.50. If he is absent the two and one-half days of the term, he throws away \$3.88 of his own money. During a term the 290 men would lose approximately \$1,125 of their own money.

If the thirty failures are again included, it would mean a loss of an additional \$697. Hence, collectively, the loss of their personal finances would amount to \$1,822.

During a single term one young man is able to literally throw away fifteen dollars for himself and the taxpayers by being absent from school for two and one-half days.

The figures above may seem relatively small to a great number of people, but Dean Stratton says that most of the waste is unnecessary because more than half of the absences are due to cuts. Perhaps the figures are small, but in reality the monetary value is of little importance in comparison to the time the student wastes for himself.

Similar figures on the women students is not available. Both the deans stated however, that the number of absences among the girls is far below that of the boys.
E. L. T.

Inadequate Preparation

When many of our two and four-year graduates apply for jobs they are confronted with a situation of this type: The school has been paying ninety dollars a month in former years, but this year so and so who holds a one-year certificate from a college or from some teacher training department has offered to teach for forty dollars a month. Of course, if the two or four-year student would like the job at the same figure, he could have it in preference to the one-year teacher.

When the cattle of an average farmer become sick, he calls the veterinarian who has had five year's preparation for his work. The farmer will allow a person with one year's preparation to work upon the mind of his child while he requires five year's preparation for a man to work upon his animals.

If, as students, we could make the people see the folly of the inadequately trained person trying to educate their children, we would not only better our conditions, but we could stamp out the incompetent teachers that are today teaching for barely a living wage and thus keeping some better qualified person from working.—Western Mystic

The Inquiring Reporter

Do You Think the Students of This School Are Indifferent Toward Campus Activities?

Not any more so than in any other school. A student can in no measure afford to make his activities a paramount part of his work.

—T. E. Thoreson

If one noticed the number participating in the different activities, one finds that the students here surely don't seem indifferent.

—Betty Cutsforth

No. I think if one considers the number of students enrolled in relation to the number that participate in the different activities, he would find an indication that the students are interested.

—Wayne Meehan

It seems that all students that are eligible for campus activities are anything but indifferent toward them. Campus activities are an asset to the student, and students here seem more than willing, if given a chance, to become members.

—Imelda Farrell

Most activities seem much accepted. I think they are desirable for any student as they form a background for further social life. Possibly more students could take part.

—Evelyn Arneson

Taking into consideration the large number of students in this institution and the variety of activities, I believe that each extra curricula activity has a fair attendance. However, one might consider how extremely difficult it is to obtain much cooperation when there is a real need for it. This fact has been evident whenever committees have been chosen for decorations.

—Edward K. Platt

During my four years in this college I have enjoyed many extra curricular activities. I don't think there is as much indifference toward these school functions as some might think. Our student body is composed of many outside students who cannot always be in attendance. To those who do come it does appear that the crowds are small. Then too, many are not interested in all activities; that cannot be considered an attitude of indifference. The students have to be "sold" on the interest of any given activity before it is successful. I believe that most all of our school functions are important if we only make use of them.

—Marjorie Gallup

I think that the activities of the school play a large part in the life of the average student of this college. There is usually a nice crowd at the dances, and a great interest displayed in the Masquer's, Y. M. and Y. W. activities. I should hate to go to school if the activities were eliminated.

—Ida Jane Dawson

I think campus activities are great parts of our education but as a whole I think some of the organizations are not patronized as they should be. For example our school dances have been a financial flop.

—Omer Simpson

Campus activities influence a great deal the lives of students, I believe. Most of the students seem to manifest an interest in outside activities whether they participate in them or not. I think they should be regarded as a necessary part of one's college education and should be supported by everyone.

—Carol Isaacson

I do not think that students are indifferent toward campus activities. Of course, it is evident that all the

Books Worth Reading

By M. W.

THE BIRD OF DAWNING by John Masefield

Again the poet laureate of England is victorious. In this story of the yearly race from the Chinese tea market of Foochow to that of London the hazards and experiences connected with such an event are described in detail. It is a tale of the conquest of the sea, of the days of the old clippers, before the advent of steam.

Masefield triumphs. He is clear-cut in his minute descriptions; he is

poet, artist, and sea man in one. Whether or not the material is accurate or has any specific basis is beside the point. The author's knowledge of the sea is uppermost and well-evidenced.

For lovers of the sea or for lovers of Masefield, no more need be said. For those not familiar with him, need more be said than that he is Laureate of England.

JOHN J. BLAINE

By Robert Rathman

Educators throughout the state grieve with the Blaine family over the passing of John J. Blaine, late a senator from Wisconsin. Leaders of our educational systems have not forgotten the work that Blaine did in behalf of education in the Badger state.

Not only is Blaine's death a loss to his own state, but it is an even greater loss to the nation.

President Ames spoke thus of his friend, "The death of John J. Blaine is a tremendous loss to the state of Wisconsin and the United States government. He was highly respected throughout the nation. Mr. Blaine was one of the greatest friends of education."

Secretary Doudna of the Board of Regents commented: "He was one of the best friends we ever had. He believed in public education. Personally I liked Blaine very much."

Dr. Karges paid this tribute to the fallen leader: "Credit must be given to Senator Blaine for the release of the money which made out training school a reality. As governor he was a staunch supporter of education."

John J. Blaine who served the state both in the state capitol and in the national capitol has gone on to join the men who fought shoulder to shoulder with him. "Fighting Bob" La Follette and Lieutenant Governor Huber were two of the men closest in public life to the sage of Boscobel.

As governor of our state Blaine upheld the rights of the common man.

students do not have the same interest in all the activities. Some think that the regular school work is a large enough load to carry without burdening themselves, unnecessarily, with outside activities. However, I believe that campus activities are a fundamental part of college education and should be participated in.

—Laurin McChesney

I think that campus activities are O. K., but some students who have never participated in any of these activities should be active enough to join in to put the activities across. Crowds have always pepped up every kind of a performance. In other words, everybody needs more pep.

—Newell Younggren

For the most part students are interested in campus activities, I believe. Our organizations and outside activities offer some diversion for the students. Outside activities are a fine thing and everything possible should be done to further their development.

—Ophelia White

I do not think that the students as a whole are indifferent toward the campus activities. There are always a certain number, however, who are, but I believe that the majority realize the importance of such activities in their school life and take advantage of their opportunities.

—Lucille Rottier.

He was a thorn in the side of "Big Business" and battled with wealth whenever it sought to crush the small man. Labor and education prospered under Blaine's leadership.

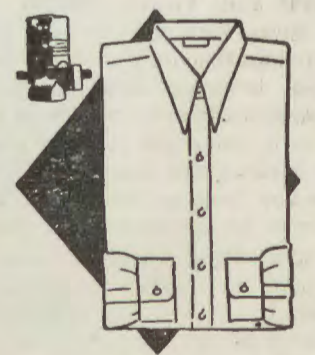
The people of Wisconsin chose to send our great leader to Washington and the U. S. Senate. Blaine proved a brilliant statesman from the very start. He continued his fierce battle against corrupt wealth. There was not a more brilliant man in the Senate chambers. Again the rank and file of this state had a real champion for their cause in national government. Blaine proved himself a worthy successor to the elder La Follette.

In the Roosevelt landslide the Wisconsin electorate retired Senator Blaine to private life. The fickle populace forgot their friend; Blaine, however, never forgot them, and up to the time of his death served the average man. He sought to aid labor in the reconstruction movement now going on in our land. He played a prominent part in the state administration of federal aid.

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Many Out for Spring Football

Backfield Looks Promising With Lighter Line Than Last Year

By Ole

Thirty-five men turned out for Coach Cowles' spring football practice last Monday night.

Most of the time is spent on fundamentals and getting the new men acquainted with his style of play. A short scrimmage is held daily and the new men are breaking into Coach Cowles' system fast.

Headed by Capt. Brickner, the backfield is well taken care of by Weber, Warwick and Herkal. They are all hard drivers and possess a lot of speed. The line will be lighter than last year but will develop into a first class forward wall.

Following are players out for practice: Capt Brickner, Joe Weber, Walt Herkal, Warwick, Krause, Kolberg, Sveinson, O'Brien, Simmelink, Lampson, Christianson, Jackelen, Hansen, Wulf, Brekke, Blank, Outcalt, Anderson, Zahradka, Isaacson, Engdahl, Haugh, Berstrom, Frye, Hart, Johnson, White, Vagstad, Lund, Leisz, Gossen, Selvig, Wigand, Dosch, Hall, and E. Anderson.

A practice game is planned with St. Olaf for April 27 which will conclude the spring practice.

Coach Cowles is being helped by Assistant Coach Ted Setterquist and two all-state men from last year, Panzenhagen, tackle, and McChesney, end.

All-School Bridge Tournament Starting

Plans for the annual all-school bridge tournament are well under way. First assignments will be posted on the bulletin board Monday. The first game must be played some time during the first week of the tournament at any convenient time or place for the couples concerned. This may be under the trees, in the social room, or at some home.

It is to the benefit of each student to participate in an event of this kind, for here he may meet informally for the first time several students and faculty with whom he has never before come in contact. It is a decided advantage during these fine spring days. Often romances develop out of just such an occurrence. Young men, your first game may be with two of the best looking coeds of the school; likewise, young ladies, your first chance may be with the shyest athlete on the campus.

Join whether you have ever played or not. It is beginner's luck to win. Entrances may be made by two boys, two girls, or one boy and one girl. If anyone wishes to join individually, it will be arranged that he gets a partner.

Expensive and worthwhile prizes will be given to the individuals of the winning couple.

Winners of the tournament will have their pictures in the Student Voice at the close of the event.

Everyone is urged to join so that the champion bridge players of the college can be determined as accurately as possible.

There will be an entrance fee of twenty-five cents to cover cost of prizes and other minor expenses. This is to be paid upon signing up or on next Monday.

Sign up today with one of the following: Laurin McChesney, Fern Steig, Morris Buske, Helen Kotts, Joe Braun, Carol Isaacson or Fern Enloe.

Practice Game With St. Olaf Next Week

Athletic Director Osborne Cowles hopes to change the date of the spring football game with St. Olaf from the 27th to the 26th of this month so as not to conflict with the music contest which is to be held on the 27th.

The tussle between the Falcons and the Oles is being taken very seriously by the Minnesotans. According to the reports of the St. Olaf scribes the visitors are going to "make it very interesting for the Wisconsin Peds".

The game is to be the first regulation football game played in the history of modern northwest spring football.

The Falcons will offer a lineup that should cause the powerful Ole aggregation plenty of exciting moments. The line is fairly fast but inexperience in the forward wall will hold the Falcons back. The backfield doesn't quite shape up as the equal of last year's quartet of pigskin luggers.

Inter Class Tank Meet April 30

Athletic Director Cowles announces an inter-class swimming meet to be held April 30. All swimmers are urged to enter this meet. It should pack plenty of thrills for the spectators.

In Shots By Vern

Baseball is in the air, papers, and talk, yet we find a few other sports commanding just as much attention: tennis, golf and track seem to hold their share of the sport columns.

At River Falls, baseball, spring football, tennis, golf and diamond ball seem to hold the attention of the majority of students.

Baseball men have started to loosen up their arms by working out in North Hall gym. Clarence Leasman, regular short stop on last year's nine, has re-entered school for the spring term. Pat Mattson is another of last year's regulars who has enrolled for the spring term.

With Kuss, Braun, Mattson, Leasman back, Cowles will have a group with which to build up a fairly good club. From reports there are a lot of good baseball men among the new men who have entered here.

Football practice opened last Monday with about 35 men reporting to Cowles and his assistants. Practice is confined mostly to fundamentals for the green men and loosening and stretching of muscles for the others.

The tennis courts are nearing completion and all in all this should be a very busy spring as far as out-door activities are concerned.

Exchange Items

Inadequate Supply of Public Funds Indicates Unsound Tax System

The inadequacy of public funds to meet the growing needs of education reveals the glaring injustice of forcing private property to bear the greatest share of the tax load. Many a home owner can no longer pay taxes upon property that has become for the most part, a non-income paying liability.

Accordingly, if the wholesale sacrifices made in the standards of public education are to be stopped, it becomes necessary to search out new channels of governmental revenue.

The facts of the shortening of the school terms, the lowering of teachers' salaries, "payless paydays", the increase in the pupil-teacher ratio, and overcrowding are too well known to need review here.

There are few sources of revenue that have not as yet been tapped by the state government, which finances the greatest part of the educational system. Of these, the sales tax is gaining wide approval, but it, like the property tax, unfairly places the burden upon those who are the least able to pay.

There remain for consideration the methods of taxation as those which impose the heaviest penalties upon that part of the population financially equipped to bear the load. Of these methods, the income, inheritance, and gift taxes are most prominent. In these instances, assessments must be made on a graduated basis; and, in the case of income taxes, the income in the upper brackets should net the state government the greatest proportionate return.

In England, the shift in emphasis from property taxation to the more progressive forms, such as the income and inheritance taxes, has already been made. In America, the continuous economic pressure is being excited to cause a like transference, and as a result, the change is doubtless merely a matter of time.

But delay in putting into effect a sound system of taxation is working an injury to education which teachers and prospective teachers cannot ignore.—Echo Weekly, Milwaukee.

Oh, To Be Able To Laugh

There's just one man I can't stand, and that is the fellow that hasn't any sense of humor. The man who listens patiently to my best story all about the Goldberg Clothing Emporium with the four doors, "the front door, the back door, Isador, and the cuspidor," and says, "Why I don't see the point!"

He could at least laugh, slap his thin leg (for that type of people always have thin legs) and appear to be enjoying my poor efforts at a pun.

Such a man is apt to term humor either dry or subtle. As a matter of fact, he hasn't any humor at all, except a bad humor which makes him about as easy to work with as a red

hot electric curling iron with a broken handle.

A sense of humor is an advantage in a crisis. Humor and tact go hand in hand.

Let us imagine a beautiful young lady named Alice who has a tenacious grasp on the heart of a young man named Jim. Jim has taken Alice out for a ride on an unfamiliar road. Jim is thinking osculatory thoughts just as a rear tire blows out.

Jim's trend of thought immediately changes to thoughts of Alice's irate mother leaning out her bedroom window with wire curlers in her hair calling, "Is this any time of the morning to be coming in?"

Perhaps it's Dr. Grinnell's neuron wave length, but Alice immediately quits thinking that Jim has the best smelling hair of any man on her date list and begins thinking similar thoughts about her mother.

Alice becomes fidgety as Jim takes bolts off and cusses mildly at getting his only Hart Schaffner and Marx suit dirty.

What to do?

If Jim has a sense of humor, and an admiration for Alice, he will cease his labors, put his arm around her, point indefinitely at the horizon and say, "Darling, look at the moon! Just like a poached egg!"—The Stoutonia

Consider the Crow

Consider the crow. I know that you had rather not. But consider the crow. All a crow does is eat and sleep and fight. He doesn't even have to sing, or look pretty. Of course, some people consider him beautiful, in his place, but look at his place. Day by day he settles on fields, and carefully destroys the seeds that the farmer has planted. He doesn't even stop to think that when the seeds are all gone, there will be nothing to produce more seeds, but does the crow care? No! Neither do a lot of people.

Consider the student. Does he do anything more than eat and sleep? Well, sometimes. And what about it? Oh, there are exceptions to all rules and occasionally one studies. But my dear young reader, that is the Exception. I mean during the term. Everyone studies just before the end. Consider the teacher. From the student is painfully extracted a noncommittal reply to any question that may be asked. As a rule all originality is banned. And with no seeds which will bear fruit? Consider the college. Who is helping to make it more of a place in society? Certainly not you or I at the rate we are going.

All of which, when you stop to consider it, means a great deal or a little, depending on which ever way you look at it.—South Texan.

Wyman Speaks at Parent Teacher Meeting

At a meeting of the P. T. A. at Boardman, Wis., Friday, April 13, Prof. W. D. Wyman discussed the topic "Re-Thinking Some Old American Ideas."

Four major points were brought out in the lecture.

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2. The Republican form of government.
3. Preparedness.
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Eskimos Exist Solely on Game

Northwest Mounted Police Use Friendly Tactics In Capturing Lawless

The former mounted police, Mr. Sidney Montague, conducted a second talk under the auspices of the River Falls Rod and Gun Club on the subject of his career as a member of the Mounted Police of Canada on Friday evening, April 13 in the college auditorium.

In introducing the speaker, Dr. McJilton, president of the club, stated that the purpose of bring Mr. Montague back for a second talk was to enable those who missed his first lecture to hear this one and to introduce a new series of programs for educational and entertainment purposes.

Mr. Montague stated that the original name of the Northwest Mounted Police was the "Canadian Mounted Rifles". He deplores the methods used by U. S. police to control crime. The success of the mounted police depends much upon the fact that instead of flaunting their power before criminals, they use friendly tactics to take their criminals. The laws of the Eskimos themselves are primitive, however, for they firmly believe that the only way to check up or eliminate the breaking of laws is to kill the offender.

The greatest work of the Mounted Police is not tracking down criminals but in the conservation of the arctic people. "In fact," stated Mr. Montague, "90 per cent of their work is the conservation of people and only 10 per cent is dealing with crime." The arctic region is kept absolutely native for the Eskimo by forbidding the entrance of the white man for white men kill the game, the Eskimos' only source of food.

The mounted police make it a point to call on every person in the arctic at least once every three months; consequently they are constantly aware of the whereabouts of every person in that region.

The one great unwritten law of the mounted police is "you shall not let the force down." "That," said Mr. Montague, "accounts for many of my so called brave deeds".

Mr. Montague doesn't care much about the entertainments put on for his benefit after a long trip in the arctic. On one occasion he and his companion, Mr. Nichols, went to an afternoon tea party. Mr. Nichols had a particular aversion to tea party hostesses; so when their hostess rushed up to him and asked him to tell her about the arctic in summer, Mr. Montague couldn't resist the temptation to listen. He wasn't disappointed for Mr. Nichols casually replied, "You'd better ask Mr. Montague. I was asleep that day."

Rural Life Notes

The Student Voice wishes to correct an error that was made by the reporter last week. Mr. Gleiter is supervising teacher of St. Croix county and not Pierce County as was stated.

Three more students have obtained schools in Pierce County. Helen Finn of Ellsworth will teach the Glass Valley school, Genevieve Finn of Ellsworth has contracted for the Spring Grove school, and Doris Nyeggen of Spring Valley will teach the Gilman Center school.

Gwendolin Hageseth, who has been ill, expects to return to school Monday.

Dorothy Brunner was absent from practice in the Centerville school on Monday due to a sprained ankle.

College Calendar

- Thursday, April 19—
 - Assembly, 9:50 a. m.
 - W. A. A. Volleyball, 4:00 p. m.
- Friday, April 20—
 - School Masquerade, 8 p. m.
- Monday, April 23—
 - Band, 4 p. m.
 - Y. M. C. A., 7 p. m.
 - Y. W. C. A., 7 p. m.
- Tuesday, April 24—
 - Orchestra, 7 p. m.
 - Volleyball Tournament, 4 p. m.

Faculty Entertained At Dinner Party

Professor and Mrs. Roy E. Spriggs and Professor and Mrs. Edward J. Prucha entertained the married members of the college faculty and Supt. H. C. Mason of the high school at the Hotel Hudson on Thursday evening, April 12. Professor White-nack was the official chaperone, who during the course of the evening, gave a very lengthy oration on the numerous duties of his office.

During the dinner the members of the party were very much disturbed by the entrance of the long arm of the law. Mr. Geere was placed under arrest for a violation of motor vehicle operation without proper license plates. The real culprit, Mr. Williams, got away without disturbance. The police department made official apologies to Mr. Geere.

After the dinner the party enjoyed a dancing program in the dining hall and lobby. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Setterquist were duly initiated as new members of the faculty. At the end of the ceremony these two men were promised eternal happiness by their official conductor, Mr. Hunt. When their hoodwinks were removed the men were left facing their wives. Several of the patrons enjoyed the popular new game of "400".

Training School Notes

The members of the Alice in Wonderland Club are making an interesting frieze for Miss Mabel Bridges' room. The frieze is made up of pictures of different scenes in the story. The project is being made in the art department under the direction of Miss Louise Hilder. The members of the club invite you to see the frieze after it is completed.

Rathman Takes Lead In Chess Tournament

Robert Rathman defeated Max Taylor three games last week in the chess tournament to take undisputed possession of first place. He climbed all the way from the fourth position by so doing.

A week from Thursday Professor Rozehnal plays him for the championship. Students are most cordially invited to attend these meetings which are held at 7 p. m. in the Biology laboratory on Thursday of each week.

Professor Segerstrom and Wynyard Swainson appear ready to wage a stiff battle over the third position.

G. O. P. Notes

Officers for next year were elected by the G. O. P. at their regular meeting Wednesday, April 4. The new officers, who will take charge of the society immediately, are:

- President—Helen Kotts
- Vice President—Doris Shella
- Secretary—Lois Peterson
- Treasurer—Helen Jenson

Christian Organizations Attend Spring Conference

The Christian organizations will send representatives to attend the annual Spring Conference at Camp Ihduhapi, Lake Independence, in Northern Minnesota, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

The conference theme is: "My Responsibility in the World." The purpose of this conference is to bring together the faculty and student leaders of the organizations of Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin to consider the theme, the philosophy and underlying principles of adequate service to modern campus life.

The leaders of the conference include:

- Rev. Paul S. Wright, Bethlehem Presbyterian church, Minneapolis
 - Miss Martha Callicott, Y. W. C. A.
 - Prof. J. F. Balzer, Northfield Secretary, University Farm, St. Paul
 - Mrs. Lola Cassidy, Sanford Hall, University of Minnesota
 - Prof. John Phelan, Carleton College
 - Pro. R. W. Goddard, Dean Rochester Junior College
 - Prof. J. P. Jacobson, River Falls
 - Miss Marcia Seeber, National Y. W. C. A. Secretary, Chicago
 - Mr. Lester Howard, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Minneapolis
- Special group studies and forums have been arranged to be directed by these leaders.

Y.W.C.A. Activities

Miss Leona Capper and Miss Minnie Embretson were the two representatives of the Y. W. at the Economic Conference held at Stout Institute in Menomonie, Saturday, April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Williams also attended the meeting. Mr. Williams was the opening speaker of the conference. He delivered an address on "The Present Economic Condition".

After the general meeting the people disbanded into groups in which they discussed the problems more fully.

At six o'clock a banquet was held in the Stout cafeteria. The group was addressed by Mr. A. N. Christensen on the Economic Status and How to Remedy It. Mr. Christensen taught at the University of Chicago and of Minnesota. He has spent some time travelling abroad and studying at the University of Madrid.

The group was invited to attend the all school dance sponsored by the Stout Y. W. C. A.

Eau Claire Teachers College was also represented at the conference.

Miss Marie Klugow, president of the Y. W. has chosen the following for positions on the next year's cabinet:

- Helen Kotts—World Fellowship
- Joan Smith—Program
- Gwen Fox—Social Service
- Helen Spalding—Publicity
- Mary Jane Larson—Social

These five chairmen together with the newly elected officers will comprise the next year's Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

- Officers elected are:
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the most points in any class, while a cup will be given the winners in the other two divisions. Medals will be given to winners of first and second in solos.

A certificate of merit will be given all deserving entrants in the group organizations.

The business men of the city will sponsor the band-marching event down town on the main street and will present a valuable award to the winners in each division, A and B. This promises to be the largest and most colorful occasion ever witnessed in the city.

This year, each contestant will have a separate score card with the judge's markings and criticism typewritten upon it which will become the property of each contestant concerned, before leaving. This will also be the rule in the matter of organizations.

Plan to take in several or all of the events; your presence helps the contestant and increases his or her enthusiasm and makes for a better all around performance.

A new feature of the Friday night "Prize Winners' Concert" will be a District Orchestra and Band made up of talent from surrounding towns. This will be under the direction of Professor B. J. Rozehnal. Some fine selections will be given by both organizations.

A complete program of scheduled events will appear in next week's issue.

The College band will lead the Band Marching Parade down town and will also give an exhibition of formations and letter forming on the street preceding the contest. Several of the A bands entered in the contest have expressed a desire to have more time for the purpose of maneuvering. All in all this will be a colorful event; don't miss it. It's free

and don't forget that it was made possible by the business men of River Falls.

Following is a list of towns entered to date: New Richmond, Hudson, Ellsworth, River Falls, Training School, Elmwood, Plum City, Baldwin, Hammond, Woodville, Boyceville, Downing, Durand, Tony, Owen, Withee, Turtle Lake, Clear Lake, Somerset, Osceola, Frederic, Clayton, Cameron, Bloomer, Danbury, Siren, Amery, Roberts, Greenwood, and Glenwood City.

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