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### River Falls Cops Top Honors at Speech Contest

The River Falls District speech contest was held April 1 at the River Falls State Teachers College. Twenty schools were represented in oratory, extempore speaking, victory speaking, extempore reading, serious and humorous declamations.

In oratory Dick Freeman, River Falls; Lois Granum, Amery; Phyllis O'Connell, Ellsworth; and Olive Gowan, New Richmond, received A ratings.

Extempore speaking A's were won by Shirley Sandford, Glenwood City, and Tom Armstrong of New Richmond.

River Falls, entering two contestants in the victory contest, received an A rating on both. . . Alice McJil-tin and Harold Laufenberg were the contestants.

Amy Anderson, River Falls; Mar-iam Te Beest, Baldwin; Virginia Wussler, Ellsworth; received A's in extempore reading.

The only contestant rating an A in the none-humorous declamations was Norris Crist of River Falls.

Betty Ann Nilsen, Clear Lake, and Dick Phillips, River Falls, received A's in humorous declamations.

In all there were 71 contestants 14 receiving A's, 35 B's and 22 C's. The ranking schools were in order River Falls, Hudson, Frederic, Ells-worth, and Glenwood City.

Schools entering contestants were Dunn County School of Agriculture, Hudson, Hammond, Turtle Lake, Grantsburg, River Falls, Amery, Frederic, Ellsworth, Elk Mound, Clayton, New Richmond, Glenwood, Luck, Clear Lake, Roberts, Baldwin, Spring Valley, Boyceville, and Milltown.

### JENSEN-SCHWARTZ WEDDING

Miss Ester Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jensen of Frederic, Wisconsin, and Second Lieutenant Donald E. Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Schwartz of Milltown, Wisconsin, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Sunday evening, March 12, in a double ring ceremony by Reverend W. L. Grover of the Frederic Methodist Church.

The ceremony was performed before a gathering of relatives and immediate friends. An improvised altar of evergreens and white ribbons with candles was set up in the home. Miss Genevieve Peterson of River Falls, a friend of the couple, played the wedding march and nuptial music during the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by the father.

The bride is a graduate of the River Falls State Teachers College. She has taught at Milltown high school and this year was teaching at the New Richmond high school, resigning last week.

Lt. Schwartz is a graduate of the River Falls State Teachers College. He coached one year at Viola before entering the service. He graduated March 4 from the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale and is rated as a Technical Officer in communications and commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He will report at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The young couple will make their home at Louisville, Kentucky, near Fort Knox.

### Churches Hold Special Easter Services

Easter Cantatas and plays were given at the different churches last Sunday. The student groups had their fellowship suppers and their business meetings. After that they went to the program at their churches.

"The Thorn Crowned King" was presented by the choir at the Lutheran church. The Methodist choir presented parts of "The Messiah." The choirs at these two churches are made up of people from the community and students from the college. The high school students from the Congregational Church presented a play entitled "He Came Seeing". All three of these presentations received high praise from people who had attended them.

As most of the students will be going home this coming weekend, there will be no student meetings at the different churches.

### GUTZLER ENTERS FINAL TRAINING

Aviation Cadet William D. Gutzler has completed his primary and basic training and has now begun the final period of pilot training. In a few more weeks of intensive training on the ground and in the air he will receive the coveted silver wings of a bomber pilot and become a flying officer in the Army Air Forces.

Cadet Gutzler graduated from River Falls high school in 1940 and attended River Falls State Teachers College for two years before entering flight training. A brother, Philip H. Gutzler, Jr. is in the Medical Corps.

### All Girls Cut Capers at Sigma Chi Sigma Party

At seven o'clock Friday evening March 31, in South Hall gym, members of Sigma Chi Sigma entertained all the girls in school at a back-to-childhood party. The gym was decorated with an Easter theme. Huge eggs and chickens lined the walls, and a bunny with floppy ears ruled over the pink lemonade stand.

All the girls came dressed for the occasion, clad in short cotton dresses, pinafores, Miss A'la Dog-Patch the proper hair-do. The teachers were the hits of the evening—Miss Hathorn dressed in cotton frock with her long braids swinging, Miss Moss and Miss Delander in identical flowered pinafores, Miss a'la Dog-patch and Miss Elsie and Miss Lillian Hoffman whose pigtailed hair was tied with perk ribbons. The girls were dressed in similar styles, many of them raiding their sister's closet, as Nona Mc Colloy, borrowing from Pat, did to get little skirts for herself, Maxine Huppert, and Lois Bernd.

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### JURGEN'S SHOWS MEXICO TO LANGUAGE CLUB

Last Wednesday evening Mr. Jurgens showed movies of his trips to Mexico to Language Club members. They were made very real through his explanations about Mexico as he knew it.

During the business meeting, the program for the rest of the year was announced by Barbara Harris.

Help make all drives to aid the war effort a success.

### Clem Elliot Launches Drive At Thursday Morning Assembly

#### Khaki and Blue Visit Our School

Several lads in khaki and blue have visited our campus during the past two weeks.

Among them were PFC Daniel Hall of Camp Butner, North Carolina and Pvt. Harold R. Olson of Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Cpl. Howard W. Webster took time off from his furlough to visit our campus also. He is stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark.

S-Sgt James C. Foy of Camp Adair, Oregon and Cpl. Herman Smith of Camp Roberts, California were seen recently on the campus.

Ensign Thomas S. Ronningen who is stationed at New Orleans, La. was also among our campus visitors.

T-Sgt. Romain Brandt, stationed at the Army Base in Boston, Mass. and Lt. (jg) Warren Winberg of New Orleans were also among our visitors.

Another visitor was Cpl. Robert L. Rudesill. He is attending veterinary school at Lansing, Michigan.

#### MELETEAN

Miss Latta has announced that all of the material for the *Meletean* is ready, and has already been sent to the printers and engravers.

Coach Bud Manion was one of the referees at the State Basketball Tournament. He also worked the district tournaments at Eau Claire and Baldwin.

#### Sneesby and Haile Work As Co-Chairmen

"The World Student Service Fund has been created by American students as a means of expressing their solidarity with their suffering fellow students all over the world." With this statement and well told examples Mr. Clem Elliot, member of the National YMCA located in Minneapolis, explained the purposes of the WSSF.

The student committee in charge of the drive for funds from this campus had invited Mr. Elliot to come down and speak to the student body. This was the opening gun for the drive.

The goal for this campus was set at \$150. In order to attain this, each student on the campus must be contacted. Therefore, Kay Sneesby and Bob Haile, the co-chairmen of the committee, divided the names of the students among the members of the committee. In this way, it was possible to contact all of the students and faculty.

He explained that American students like those here on the RFSTC campus are not doing the job of student relief alone, that they are a part of the great enterprise of World Student Relief in which the students of Great Britain, Sweden, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Portugal, India, and South Africa unite.

This fund is raised by students and professors throughout the world. It provides direct relief for students and professors who are victims of war. These students—many of whom are prisoners of war—are not as fortunate as we are. Therefore, we believe it is our duty to help build for the future by providing relief and education for these students.

The drive began Thursday and will end next Wednesday, April 5. The drive has already gone a long way toward attaining its goal.

This drive is certain to go over the top for no one can, unless completely devoid of conscience resist its appeal for help for dispossessed homeless, injured, or interned students around the world.

Lets all "pitch in" and help us attain or even exceed our goal!

#### FOURTH ANNUAL VISITOR'S DAY, MAY 5.

The fourth annual Visitor's Day will be held at the college May 5. It is put on by the girls of the college. This year Virginia Stronks, President of the Student Senate, is in charge of general arrangements. The committees will be announced later.

This year mothers of students will be invited as usual. In addition, senior high school girls who will be able to attend will also be invited. How about mentioning the Visitor's Day at home over vacation, so it will be as successful as ever?

#### YW COLLECTS AT THEATRE

As one of its extra activities, members of the YWCA collected the Red Cross donations at the local theatre during Red Cross Week. Four girls worked each evening and on Sunday afternoons.

## ◆ BITS FROM BUDDIES ◆

"The Climate is perfect down here!" That's what "Turk" Leadholm says about his new post at Jacksonville, Florida. He also writes, "Leave it to the navy; we have school six days a week!"

Sgt. F. Brecklin writes to the *Voice* from North Africa; he says, "My copy of the *Voice* has been reaching me regularly, although it does take four months to get here."

"Africa hasn't changed much in the past year or so; the kids still plague the GI's for chewing gum, bon-bons and anything the Yank might have to give away. I can't say that the process varies much throughout the Middle East and India. All in all there should be some tall tales available some day."

"Prof" Jacobson also received a letter headed North Africa His came from Howard Elliott. He writes, "I just received your welcome letter at dinner time today so I'll sneak in a little time off from work this afternoon to answer it. It certainly was thoughtful of you to send those pictures, because over here in Africa a guy soon starts to yearn for a sight of the cool countryside of the state that I still think is the best in the Union."

"I surely wish I could drop in on one of your "Y" meetings again. Or better yet, I'd like to eat one of those Sunday morning waffle breakfasts and then sit around the fireplace and

talk afterward. Give my best wishes and regards to this year's Cabinet and tell them we expect them to uphold the old Cabinet traditions in spite of the few of members.

"Remember me to the folks I used to know and to the faculty and to any of the old gang that you might meet from time to time."

"As you notice we are still in Africa, but we are all wishing we were elsewhere. It will only be a matter of days now until we complete a year in this country. It has been a year well spent, both militarily and educationally but we are ready to explore new fields. The attitude here is not when will this be over, but how long before our outfit will get into the scrap again?"

Major Leo Krueger, who is stationed in New Guinea, has written an interesting letter to Mr. Stratton. He writes, "Your letter finally caught up with me today. Although a little late, it was none the less appreciated. I still think mail is more important than food."

"Your letter brings back many memories of River Falls. We are now going on our twenty-fourth month over-seas. Some of the boys have gone back from home already."

"There are just a few of the River Falls boys left with the Division. Frances Cornwell, Bill Junkman, and I are the only officers. I've seen Jim Linehan, Ganie Diess and a couple of and then sit around the fireplace and

others The boys are all well and are doing a good job.

"Another thing, how are the trout biting in the old Kinnickinnic? I think I've missed trout fishing more than anything else since leaving Wisconsin."

"Now I suppose you'd like to know a little about what I'm doing. I am as you might know, the Division Special Services Officer. I'd rather think of it as the doll and toy department. I can't say that I was happy to leave my infantry company, but somebody thought I was just the man to build up the morale of the Division. I had the very great pleasure of fighting the "Battle of Brisbane" which the Division fought at Buna. I don't think any of us that stayed back were happy about it. This time, we're right up here. The first day I watched our Artillery fire on Jap positions. We've been through countless air raids. Our ack-ack outdoes the Fourth of July celebration fireworks of the Pierce County Fair. About the only thing I am able to do here is provide moving pictures and Post Exchange supplies. I have seventeen moving picture installations under me. Believe it or not, I'm showing pictures to rear elements of front line units. These boys surely appreciate any little thing you do for them."

"I haven't seen Lamours or sarongs either on any of these beautiful tropical islands."