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ANNUAL CLASS PLAY

The 1919 Seniors of the River Falls State Normal School Present "Quality Street"
By J. M. Barrie

The Normal auditorium was entirely filled Monday evening, June 9, when the annual Senior class play was given.

The play opened in the blue and white room of the Throssel sisters' home on "Quality Street."

The antique finishings added much to the scene. In this act the dashing Capt. Brown announced his enlistment in the French army to the Misses Phoebe and Susan.

Ten years later, in the second act, Capt. Brown returned only to find his friends conducting a private school. The blue and white room with its desks and benches presented a striking contrast to the former scene. The old English private school was well shown even to the dunce stool.

The setting of the third act was a pavilion used as a retiring room at the ball given in celebration of the Battle of Waterloo. Here it was that the rivalry between Lieut. Spicer, Ensign Blades and Capt. Brown was shown. It was also here that Capt. Brown revealed to the supposed Miss Livvy his love for Miss Phoebe. The pavilion was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns. Even the moon shone from among the trees.

It was in the blue and white room of ten years before, in the next act, that Capt. Brown really persuaded Miss Phoebe that he was not a "quizz."

Some excellent work was done by the members of the cast. Dorothy Taggart, who interpreted the part of Miss Phoebe, was bewitching. Her change from Miss Phoebe with ringlets to Miss Phoebe, the school teach-

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PRESIDENT J. H. AMES

With this week Pres. J. H. Ames completes his second year as head of the River Falls State Normal school. He became president at a time when the prospects were not at all encouraging, but in spite of all obstacles, he has kept the school growing. During the first year the enrollment was 547, and this year it was 555. All the other Normal schools of the state showed a greater falling off during the war period than did the River Falls Normal school.

A school can be no stronger than its faculty permits. It lies with the president of the school to determine what the faculty shall be. (There are two kinds of school administrators, those who make changes in their faculty for personal reasons, and those who make changes for institutional reasons.) Judging from the last two years we shall see Pres. Ames continue to seek out live, big men and women for his

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BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Sunday evening the Seniors of the school, their friends and a large number of the citizen of River Falls gathered at the Auditorium to hear the Baccalaureate program. The following is the program as given:

Sunday evening, June 8

Selection Orchestra
Invocation . . Rev. G. A. Bird
Octette, "Blow Ye the

Trumpets," - - Herper

Mr. O. M. Hanna,

Mr. Gilbert Norseng,

Miss Eugenie Willet,

Mrs. J. H. Ames,

Mrs. A. M. Shepard,

Mrs. J. L. Chapman, Jr.

Mr. G. A. Bird,

Mr. W. C. Chapman,

Cornet Obligato,

. Mr. Paul Bird

Piano . . . Miss Fossing

Address . . Rev. J. E. Bushnell
of Westminster Church,
Minneapolis.

Octette, "Come Unto Me," - Shubert

Benediction - - Rev. J. O. Thrush

The address by Rev. J. E. Bushnell was very gripping. He began his address with the comparison of the minister and the teacher by saying that the building of character is the duty of the two callings.

His theme, "Discovering America," was a bit of familiar history explained in a unique way. He explained that although it is not yet discovered, "Some believe that the great surprises will come out of the Orient, yet I bet that it has not yet been discovered. come out of America."

Tracing the history of America through its epochs, he pointed out, in the way of a master historian, the effects that each great struggle had had upon the world, and upon the people of America.

"Europe discovered America, when in the war of 1776, they fired the shots that were heard around the world." Again, "They discovered America,

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EDITORIAL

After three months of unequalled success the last issue of the Student Voice is now in your hands. It is our firm belief that next year it can go on where we leave off and be the paper that we want in this Normal school. There is room for improvements, and may it be possible for this to be done next year.

It is hoped that it can be run on a subscription basis, and that each student and each member of the faculty will be a subscriber. May it be the VOICE of the students as it has been this year.

In behalf of the staff, I take this opportunity to thank the students and faculty who have so earnestly supported the Student Voice. Especially do we thank those who have made it a duty to support our paper. Also we wish to express our gratitude to the River Falls Times Printing Co. for their hearty co-operation and interest during these past three months. The school is indebted to them because of their willing support. May they have the good fortune to print the Student Voice next year.

GUY H SMITH,
Editor.

Miss Vi. Solheim expects her sister, Claire, to be here for commencement exercises.

Last Thursday the following letter men received their sweaters that were purchased with the funds from the circus: William Hawley, Ted Reed, Elwin LeTendre, Dwight Chinnock, Carleton Kruse, Clarence Peterson, Ezra Mattson and Milton Krueger.

BACCALAUEATE ADDRESS

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small, but indomitable, in 1812." In 1860 Europe believed us a "conglomeration of independent states bound together as by a rope of sand, but in 1865 the world knew insoluble America with one constitution, one flag, and one people; forevermore America was discovered."

In a similar manner in the Spanish-American war and the Boxer rebellion in China, America was placed before the eyes of the world as a great philanthropic nation and not a "greedy state ruled by Mannon."

"Yet even so in 1914 the world knew not America, saying: "She worships mannon, she will not fight, Undisciplined, slack and cowardly, she is impotent." Then it was, in this latest and we trust last of wars, that the world discovered that America does not worship mammon, that she is the realm of the loftiest ideals and spiritual enthusiasms of any on earth. She will go further and suffer deeper for a principle of righteousness and humanity which is at stake, with unselfish and vicarious suffering, than any nation on the face of the globe. Materially and spiritually she has been revealed as the colossus among nations. And in the war council chambers of autocracy a light has arisen. Even Berlin has discovered America.

"We did not know ourselves." Rev. Bushnell again reminded us of the manner in which America suffered for three years before we entered the war, how our ships bearing women and children were sent to the bottom of the sea, how our flag was insulted time and time again, and how valient America entered the great strife when there was no other alternative.

It was not until in 1918 that "Berlin discovered America at Chateau-Thierry and the Argonne Forest. We then discovered ourselves."

In conclusion he told the Seniors of their obligation in the training of the youth of America so that in any other great emergency we may again help the world discover America, and that we might even know her ourselves.

"When the story of her full service to the world shall be ended, then, and not until then, may it be written in truth: "America is discovered."

Some of the Seniors, who live at Hudson and Ellsworth, have made some "flying between-train" trips home this week.

ANNUAL CLASS PLAY

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er, was a clever bit of acting. Margaret Schrankel interpreted, sympathetically, the part of Miss Susan—Avin Carew, as Capt. Brown, presented a really dashing appearance and did some very fine character work. Mina Tubbs, Freda Blomholm and Anina Howalt were very quaint and charming old maids of Quality Street.

The following members of the cast gave admirable support to the stars: Margaret Bender, as Charlotte Parrott; Phillip Snodgrass, as Ensign Blades; Julia Anderson, as the maid; Athol Moynihan, as sergeant; Leon Dean, as Lieut. Spicer, and Guy Smith, as the old soldier.

Eight of the grade children took parts of the "Scholars" in Miss Phoebe's school. Their English quadrille was very pretty. Leonard Collins, as uncontrollable George; Genevieve Stewart, as Isabella, who wanted to acquire algebra; Henry Pederson, as William, who disputed Miss Susan, and Edward O'Conner, as Arthur, the dunce, took their parts well.

The costumes, rich in coloring and quaint in design, helped the audience to visualize the days of Napoleon.

The play was proclaimed a grand success. Credit for the success of the play is due Miss Schlosser, who trained the players.

PRESIDENT J. H. AMES

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faculty and do his best to find means for securing and retaining people of unquestionable ability and enthusiasm. He wants those who will add to, and not weaken the institution to which they are attached.

Pres. Ames is recognized as a man of exceptional capabilities and sincerity among the Normal school presidents. Several times he has been placed upon the most important committees by the board of regents.

Down state men have said, "Somehow when that man, Ames, tells us anything about Normal schools we know he is telling the truth."

With the record of the past two years there seems to be no question as to the future prospects of the school under the administration of Pres. J. H. Ames.

Miss Berg: "What kind of animals are there in Sahara Desert?"

Adeline McDonald: "Cactuses."

LOCALS

Don't forget to attend the banquet this evening.

Alumni banquet on Wednesday, June 11. Come and boost it.

Kruse wants all the seniors to remember their said "six bits."

Lenora Hunter's mother is here for this week visiting her daughter.

Dorothy Scott's sister is expected to be here for graduation exercises.

Seniors! Do you realize that in twenty-four hours you will be alumni?

Marion Taylor of the class of 1914, will take charge of the cafeteria this summer.

Most of the clubs are closed this week, but now the city restaurants are thriving.

Rev. and Mrs. N. L. Blomholm of Hudson will be here for commencement exercises.

Wayne Benedict, who has been overseas for eighteen months, expects to enter summer school.

Mr. Erlandson's Sunday school class purchased some ice cream Sunday and took it to the lodge.

Many of the juniors who have finished their examinations, have returned to their homes.

Canoeing and boat-riding have become very popular of late. If only there were more boats.

Miss Margaret Schrankel's sister, Flora, is visiting her and will attend the exercises of the week.

Julia McKeivitt, Viola Solheim, William Hawley and Malcolm Graham motored to Red Wing on Sunday.

Many Seniors have expressed their desire to return and re-enter school when all the new buildings are completed

There will be a baptism at six o'clock a. m. Friday, at the water tank on Main street. All the Juniors will be christened Seniors.

Four members of the class play caste caused much excitement Saturday night when they appeared at the Candy Kitchen in all their painted glory.

Miss Luella Swartz, who has been teaching at Waukesha, returned Saturday night. She expects to teach at Marshfield next year.

The following seniors, who have been teaching, have returned to be graduated with their class: Pearl Garlid, Esther Berg, Luella Swartz, Ruby Hunter, Eleanore Newcomb, Evelyn Stockman, Blanche Deering, Norval Haddock, Charles McAleavy.

I stepped on Orville's hair. 'Twas so soft I didn't know he was there.

AN ODE TO THE MEN OF '18

The foes arise!
Our brother dies
To save the cause that gave our nation birth,
Could we sit here
With deafened ear
And count our hoarded gold more dear
Than else on earth?

"No! No!" we cry
Unfurl on high
The banner under which our fathers died.

We'll bravely fight
On through the night
That blessed Freedom, Truth and Right
May e'er abide.

Who are these men—
These virile men
Whose strong, young forms are spent
in this mad hour
To clear the mire,
And quench the fire
That spares not babe, or maid, or sire,
Or tender flow'r?

These are the sons,
The noble sons
Of noble sires who gladly gave their best
That we might be
Strong, safe and free
In all our life on land and sea,
From East to West.

Through their clean veins
Run strong the strains
Of Earth's best blood—Scot, Celt and Englishman,
And Norse and Jew,
And German, too—
Once alien but now all true
American!

See how they start
From shop and mart
From lowly cottage and from spacious manse!
With loud huzza
America
Strike hands with fair Britannia
And dear old France!

Ring out the song!
Its strains prolong!—
Foul monarchy shall never rule our sod!
Our cause is just;
Conquer we must!
We'll make the vicious bite the dust!
We'll win with God!

Walter B. Davison.
River Falls, Wis., Nov., 1917.

WALTER H. S. JOHNSON
Clothier

WE enjoyed your stay with us. And hope that our transactions have been mutual.

Your welcome back this fall will be the most cordial to the best Normal school in the state.

WALTER H. S. JOHNSON
Clothier
RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

A bill has just passed both houses of the legislature providing for part time instruction in agriculture. Virtually this brings an education in agriculture to the very door of the farm boys. This bill provides for a state aid of \$25,000 per year to be devoted to salaries of instruction. Mr. Welles drafted the bill as it was presented to the legislature. It fixes the county as a unit, so that it will be very easy to organize such a course of instruction. The administration of this work is in the hands of the State Board of Vocational Education.

In case an instructor devotes all his time to this work one-half of his salary will be paid out of Federal funds and one-third out of state funds. This will leave only one-sixth of his salary to be paid by the county. Other arrangements no doubt can be made to pay a certain per cent of the salary of an instructor who devotes a part of his time to this part-time instruction.

Already four counties are organized and many more are expected to organize as soon as the law becomes known. The work can be started, by July, possibly.

Bernice E.: "Did you hear the fire bell this morning?"

Eunice Preston: "No, what happened?"

Bernice: "There was a fire."

Allow us at this time to thank the students of the Normal School for their patronage the past year.

A pleasant vacation to all.

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Mr. Karges: "How can you tell if the soil is sour?"

Freshman: "Taste of it."

"Are you hungry?"

"Yes, Siam."

"Well, come along and I'll Figi."—

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SHULTES' MEMORIAL FUND

Financial statement of Shultes' Memorial Fund, June 6, 1919:

By subscriptions from Alumni \$669.00
Interest to June 6, 1918, 39.45

Total, June 6, 1918, \$708.45
Cash and notes on hand
June 6, 1918, \$708.45

Liberty bonds given by class
of 1918, 100.00
Interest collected during year 32.95

Total \$841.40
Postage during year .21

Balance on hand \$841.19
Cash on hand \$326.19

Liberty Bonds given by class
of 1918, 100.00
Student loans \$415.00

Total \$841.19

Wm. Segerstrom,
Secretary and Treas.

The Student Voice, which was revived in March after a suspense of some months, now appears at its very best in the third year of publication, and the present management is to be congratulated on the newsy sheet they are getting out with Guy H. Smith as editor-in-chief and Alvin Carew business manager. The Voice is a worthy exponent of student life of the River Falls Normal. It is newsy, original and of the better class of college pub-

lications. So many college papers are prone to be plethoric of dignified literary ethics, essays and such, and local news of the institution which it is supposed to represent, left out. Not so with the Voice; it is a college paper that is different and in these busy days with the closing week of the school year at hand, makes interesting reading and good "copy" at the Times office.—The River Falls Times.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

It may be of interest to many of the students and alumni to know of the intensive improvements planned for our school plant. Now the war is over and the state has a tendency to spend a little more money for its institutions.

In the recent appropriations for Normal schools, River Falls will receive her share. \$16,000 have been set aside for the purchase of additional land for the athletic field, and for improvements; \$12,000 for the purchase of the barracks and their rebuilding, including a permanent foundation; \$5,000 for general school equipment; \$2,000 for live stock, a portion of which has already been spent for the purchase of two cows. \$5,000 for the building of a model dairy barn, and 3,000 for other farm buildings. The last mentioned sum will be used in the construction of a modern dairy house, hog house, and for remodelling the old barn for horses.

A sum of money was appropriated some time ago for the construction of a central heating plant, so that in the near future the present buildings can be devoted entirely to school work.

These figures may not be exactly correct, but they are approximations that will give one a little insight into the future plans.

Verna: "Are you going out tonight?"

Agnes O'Neil: "No, he went to Eau Claire."

BOOK AND ART SHOP

Come in and get acquainted with our line of school supplies. Strangers, welcome.

Gevers & Weld