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## Caraway Ties For Fourth in Speech Contest

### College Representative at Meet Speaks on "Peace for Nations and Men"

The Rev. Mr. Caraway represented River Falls in the northwest oratorical contest held in Bascom Hall at Madison, Wisconsin, at 8 p. m. Friday, March 23rd.

Speaking on "Peace for Nations and Men" under the general topic of "World Peace" Mr. Caraway tied with George Dickson, the representative from Eau Claire State Teachers College, for fourth place.

Mr. Arthur Magidson from the University of Wisconsin won first prize. Last year he also won the highest honors.

Mr. William Van Roo, Marquette, placed second. Victor Breitenfeld of La Crosse was given third award.

The judges were Professor I. M. Cochran, Carleton; Professor F. W. Lambertson, Iowa State; Professor William Schrier, Wisconsin.

Prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20 were awarded to the winners of the first three places.

"I didn't feel bad at all that I didn't place after I heard the Marquette man speak," stated Mr. Caraway upon being questioned on the contest.

G. Dwight Rowe, Ripon; George Richards, Whitewater, and Donald Johnson, of Beloit were speakers from their respective colleges.

## Masquers Give Plays Before Good Audience

The student body and townspeople were given a treat last Wednesday night in the school auditorium when the Masquers presented three one-act plays that were the winning plays of the elimination tournament.

The first play, coached by Imelda Farrell, was "The Pipe of Peace". The fact that there were only two actors carrying on the conversation made this play seem a bit slower in movement than the other two. The characters were well chosen to carry on this difficult play.

The second play, coached by Harriet Gilbert, "On the Rocks", moved rapidly to give the listeners many hearty laughs. The characters were well coached in their parts and played to their audience.

The last play, "A Girl Made to Order" coached by Vern Peroutky, kept the auditorium ringing with laughter. The characters in this play were playing to the house at all times, and showed careful selection for their parts.

It is hoped that the Masquers will see fit to put on another group of plays before the end of the school year.

### Faculty Attention

The members of the faculty are cordially invited to attend the Senior Formal in North Hall gym, Friday evening, April 6, at 8 o'clock.

Senior Class

**Notice of Easter Recess**  
Easter recess begins Thursday, March 29 at 3:10.  
Classes will be resumed at 8:00 Tuesday morning, April 3.  
The Thursday 2:20 classes will meet at 9:50. The 3:10 classes will meet at 2:20. There will be no assembly Thursday, March 29.

## Course Offered In Leadership

### Mrs. Jean Helgeson Directs Course in Scout Craft for College Girls

A course for training girls to be leaders in Girl Scout work will be given by Mrs. Jean Helgeson of River Falls on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning April 12, from 7 to 8:30 o'clock.

Six lessons will be given. The dates are April 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, and 26 for the price of \$1.00. The class will meet in the South Hall gym.

Mrs. Helgeson recently obtained her Master's degree from the University of Minnesota. She has had considerable experience in Girl Scout work.

About twenty-five girls have signed up for the course. There is room for other girls who wish to make use of the opportunity to become acquainted with this type of activity for girls from ten years old through high school.

### Correction

Through an error Harley Borgen was omitted from the honor roll in last week's issue.

## Rural Life Notes

The Rural Life Club met Thursday evening, March 22. After the business meeting Professor J. M. Malott gave a talk on birds, showing many beautiful colored plates and slides of birds that inhabit this territory.

Evelyn Nordstrom has received her contract for the Fargo school, Pierce county, and Herman Klevgard will teach at the Buck school, Trempleau county.

### Notice

There will be no issue of The Student Voice next week due to the recess for Easter.

## Debaters Enter Pi Kappa Delta Tourney



Leslie Libakken James Mason Coach Wyman Morris Buske

## "Last Round-up" Easter Service Held at Joint Y

### Dramatic Organization's Annual Ball in Scenery of Western Ranch

Dancing to the music of Arnie Kuss' Royal Badgers, sixty couples attended the "last round-up" of the Masquers' Saturday night. The decorations were much in keeping with the name that was chosen for the formal. The ball-room was lined with ranching accoutrements, including saddles, blankets, guns, deer heads, corrals, and straw. The programs were miniature sombreros made by the members of the organization.

Punch was served during the evening by students from the Junior high school, who were dressed in cow-girl regalia.

This "last round-up" will very likely prove to be that in reality for many of the members of the Masquers for each year this organization loses a number of members through graduation.

The attending patrons were Mr. and Mrs. Vogele, and Mr. and Mrs. Wyman.

## College Farm Buys New Herd Sire

The college farm recently purchased a new Guernsey herd sire from the Tom. Cooper Farm at Ardmore, Oklahoma. According to A. N. Johnson, the sire of this bull was a class winner at the Waterloo Dairy Congress in 1933. He is also a grandson of the famous \$25,000 sire Langwater Africander. His dam has a yearly record of 719 lbs. of butterfat and the three nearest dams averaged more than 720 lbs. of fat in a year.

## Easter Service Held at Joint Y

### Rev. Clarence Weed Speaks on "Thoughts of Easter" Music Adds to Program

The Christian organizations held a joint Easter service in the Social Room, South Hall, Monday evening. The following program was given:

Violin solo—Gerhardt Tostrud  
Selections—Y. M. C. A. quartet  
Scripture Story—Bernice Smith  
Prayer—Leonard Dorman  
An Interpretation of Easter—Rev. Weed

Selection—Y. M. C. A. quartet  
Mizpath Benediction—Leonard Dorman, leader.

This was one of the outstanding meetings of the year. It is the most important joint Y. M. and Y. W. devotion meeting. Rev. Weed, pastor of the local Methodist church, delivered an address on what Easter can be thought of and what it should involve. The music, both instrumental and vocal made the devotional atmosphere complete.

## Y.W.C.A. Activities

The Y. W. C. A. committees are bringing the year's work to a climax by having entertainments among the groups.

About a month ago, Miss Marie Klugow gave a bridge party for her finance committee. Last Thursday night Miss Hermina Schmutz and her social service committee gave a party for outside guests of the college. Bridge and 500 were played. Lunch was served by the committee.

## Pointed Pen Pictures Taken at Random in South Hall

Miss Fuller smiling at everyone who draws a book.

Ken and Imelda conversing (as usual) in the lower corridor.

Joe Braun, reading a bright red book, scratches his nose unconsciously.

Tim Main and Maxine enjoying a half hour together at the first table in the library.

Helen Kotts industriously chewing gum, reading, and writing, all at the same time.

Prof. O. M. Hanna browsing among the stacks.

Gordon Foss sitting on the railing in the corridor, evidently waiting for the 12:30 classes to be out, looks lonely.

Andy Anderson looks four times at the clock before signing for a reserve book.

Tostrud, frowning meanwhile, consults *The New International*.

Fern Steig, out of quarantine (who is happiest over it?), in a keen blue and white sweater.

Simpson and Morrow talk in the hallway with much bravado, while an admiring group listens.

Marj Gallup strolls into the library wearing a bright blue dress with a fuzzy white collar, nodding to friends, and giving her best smile to the librarian.

Norma Berg, in green, industriously tends the reserve shelf.

Miss Gibson rushes out of her inner sanctum, talks to Miss Bradley, bustles back again.

Rev. Caraway gives the new books on the truck a hurried "once over" with a cynical expression.

Ole Pederson scratches his back with a piece of paper while walking to the main desk.

McChesney admires a picture on the cover of a magazine with the librarians, and then waves goodbye as he leaves.

Bill Lover sits around criticizing others.

(We'll bet every one of these persons will deny these are true portraits of them, but they are just the same.)

## Forensic Group Leaves for Meet In Kentucky

### Buske and Mason to Debate In National Tournament; Libakken to Speak

Professor Walker D. Wyman will take the debate team, Morris Buske and James Mason, and the extempore speaker, Leslie Libakken, to Lexington, Kentucky, where they will participate in the tournament sponsored by the National Pi Kappa Delta Honorary Forensic Fraternity, next week.

The group plans to leave River Falls Thursday afternoon, March 29. They will travel to Lexington by automobile and plan to cover the distance in about two days.

This group is applying for membership in Pi Kappa Delta. Oshkosh State Teachers College is the only teacher's college in the state which is already a member. There are, however, several Wisconsin private schools which are members of the fraternity.

The tournament will begin Monday, April 2, and will last until Friday, April 6. Over 500 colleges located all over the United States will be represented. Elimination contests will be held both in debate and in extemporaneous speaking.

The question for debate is, Resolved: That the powers of the President of the United States should be substantially increased as a settled policy. Mason and Buske will probably debate this question several times.

Leslie Libakken is required to be able to speak on the various phases of "Agriculture in America Today."

The reporter gathered these statements from the three representatives:

"Since these are the last debates in which Mason and I will represent River Falls and since the school has been so generous to pay our expenses we will try to do our best,"—Morris Buske.

"Although I don't know much about farming, I will try to handle the agricultural question to the best of my knowledge. If anyone wishes a blade of the famous Kentucky blue grass, I will forward it to them upon the receipt of three cents."—Leslie Libakken.

## Falcon Coached Team Wins Debate Laurels

The undefeated Paynesville high school debate team of Paynesville, Minnesota won the championship of Region 5 in Minnesota by defeating the strong University high school debate team at the regional meet in Minneapolis March 16.

This gives the Paynesville team the right to represent their region at the state meet. At the present time there are only eight undefeated high school debate teams in the state.

Mr. Fred H. Wandrey, a graduate of River Falls State Teachers College is coach of the Paynesville team.

Carl Neitzke, '31, has accepted the position of general manager of the Oshkosh Chick Hatchery at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Wallace Clapp '34 has accepted a position with the International Harvester Company at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.





# Macalaster Vies With Debaters

## Butler and Bahlmar Take Negative Stand Against Mason and Buske

The Macalaster negative debaters met the college affirmative team at assembly here Thursday. The debaters on the negative team were Butler and Bahlmar, on the affirmative they were James Mason and Morris Buske.

The question of the debate was: Resolved that the powers of the President should be given substantial power about the monetary question. The President should be delegated by Congress. By the monetary powers of the President the affirmative team meant that the President should have control of the money value changes and of the banks. They claimed that the monetary system failed to serve as a standard of value, and to serve as a standard for deferred payment. The affirmative aim was to put the United States' monetary system on an even basis with the other world powers' monetary systems; they aimed to reflate our currency; and to eliminate corruption in the government. They claimed that there are two alternatives the President may take. The government may go on with its present plans or it may go forward with a new plan. Morris Buske pointed out that they were trying to cure only the chief evils of our monetary ails. He went further to say that the President is least likely to be corrupt or corruptable.

Mr. Butler, the first negative speaker, stated that the monetary policy is not valiant. He also said that the tariff policy of the President's was not successful. The anti-trust law gave the President the power to check corruption in industry. The monetary power is too dependent for the caliber of the President. He went further to say that the President is not competent. The President is not a representative of the people. He claimed that the big business of the East would be given more power if the President's power is increased. The graft of the government has been traced to the executive offices of the government. Congress is becoming more responsive to the people. Mr. Bahlmar stated that the monetary problem is not the most important in our country. He also said that the Tea Pot Dome scandal, and the Air Mail affair have been traced to the executive office. He said that there is a lack of efficient, and a lack of responsible men serving as President. He went further to say that the monetary policy does not aid agriculture. "There is no check on the President", was one of his points against this question.

# College Calendar

Thursday, March 29—  
2:20 classes meet at 9:50  
3:10 classes meet at 2:20  
No assembly

Tuesday, April 3—  
W. A. A. Volleyball, 4 p. m.  
Orchestra, 7 p. m.

## THE PEACE ISSUE IS BECOMING IMPORTANT

Because they conscientiously objected to compulsory military training, eight students at Ohio State have been suspended, which is virtually expulsion according to the terms implied. There were originally forty objectors, the other thirty-two being allowed to stay under special provisions. This is the recurrence of the ever evident battle between the militarist and those opposed.

There seems to be a movement among certain leaders of Ohio State, led by the ultra-nationalistic, militaristic financiers who profit most from war, to perpetuate a militaristic attitude and to develop a hate for fictitious enemies so that when war is declared the youth of today will sacrifice themselves as cannon fodder.

From the Christian and from the common sense point of view, such a movement should be stopped. The expelled students are to be highly commended for their determined stand for Christian ideals.

A publication within Ohio State emphasizes that two principles of exceedingly great importance are at stake. "The first is freedom of conscience, for which men and women by the score have lived and died all through the ages. The cause is still worthy of devotion; those who really cherish it will not let this present challenge go unanswered.

"The second great issue is peace, the goal of man's endeavor. The dilemma is obvious. Will mankind continue to nourish the cause of his destruction by devoting his increasing resources to feed the germs of war—the disease that devours him? Or will he turn his efforts to development of health in the ravaged body of society, so that normal growth may progress and accelerate?"

What happened at Wisconsin? The state Democratic legislature while in session in 1933 passed a bill to compel all able bodied men students at the University to take two years of military training, which was vetoed by the Governor. The people of Wisconsin should be thankful that the newly elected Democrats did not get away with this piece of degenerating legislation.—Stoutonian.

# Mud 'n Yer Eye

Too many great things have happened in the past week to narrow our qualifications for the medal down to one person. We award, respectfully and just a little awed, the well-known leather medal to the group of campus intelligentsia who successfully solved the majority of the world's most pressing problems at Hockings' last Saturday night, or rather, between the formal and dawn.

Personalities were also considered, in passing. Such gatherings as this prove what a drawback the presence of professors is when expression of opinion is desired.

P. S: Names will be furnished upon request.

"Quin" came in for a little publicity Saturday night when one of her pumps turned up missing in the middle of a dance. (No, madam, she hasn't got water on the knee.)

We forgot to mention that she found the absent object after a time.

"Bud" (Sinks-'em-one-right-after another) Collins did his share to net victory for Kuss' team last Monday night. Kuss also played.

Mr. Williams was heard to say that he wished his History class could meet this Friday.

We understand that the class also has opinions on the matter.

And now let's get down to business.

Definitions blossomed forth this week—from the student body, for a change, and not in tests, either.

Examples follow:  
Education is the uncovering of abysmal ignorance.

Life is a cloud without the silver lining.

Death is an impenetrable fog.

Life is fun. . . . Libakken.

Life is a worn-out brief case thrown at random on a littered floor.

Love is the rumble seat of an old 1928 Chevrolet on a bumpy road.

Marriage is symbolized by cloves and fried potatoes.

School is the substitution of knowledge for life.

Death is an empty flower-pot set on an empty dusty shelf.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Formal that Davee and Hocking put on.

We should have added in the list above that vacations are the oppor-

tunity to forget what we never wanted to know anyhow.

And probably never did. . Faculty.

Just to remind you—only nine more weeks before exams.

### Spring Term Theme Song

Let the grinds cheer for education,  
As over their books they pore;  
We'll study enough to make a grade;  
And not an atom more.

Copying, bluffing and stalling,  
Onward through school we go.  
We love to stop 'neath a moonlight sky  
Or take in a Fargo show.

The midnite oil is all a fake,  
And Lambda Sig is the same;  
A jolly good time is the trail we'll make

On the shifting sands of fame.  
—The Western Mystic

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# Signs of Spring

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- Box-elder bugs and robins.
- White shoes and light suits.
- Would-be pitchers getting in form.
- Fair coeds fleeing (?) from members of the photography class.
- "Down-crick" jaunts.
- Tennis fanatics venturing forth.
- Signs not yet in evidence:
  - Depopulated library and couples and classes abroad on the campus.
  - Gym classes performing publicly.
  - Professor Hanna trying to swat wasps with his pencil.

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