

## May Completes Survey Showing RF Men Gain Positions

A survey of all degree graduates of the agricultural department since 1928 has recently been completed by Mr. J. M. May. This study was undertaken to determine how successful graduates have been in securing positions in their chosen fields and to what extent they have continued in agricultural work since then.

To meet the demand for teachers of agriculture and fulfill its purpose as a teacher training institution River Falls established its department for instruction of agriculture teachers in 1912. The courses were at first two years and later three years in length.

Finally in 1927 the state legislature granted the privilege of establishing four year degree courses to the teachers' colleges. The first class to graduate with degrees was in 1928, with four members in the group. Since then including 1940 196 men have been granted a degree in agricultural education. Three did not care to teach, and of the remainder 96.4 per cent (185) were placed by the department. Considering the depression, a placement of 96 per cent for 13 years is an exceptionally good record. Although having minors in science (majors under the 1939 revision of the certification law), 88 per cent of these graduates were placed in agriculture positions.

How well this college serves its purpose of training teachers is demonstrated by the fact that 81 per cent (159) of the graduates are in the education field.

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## LeMoyné Negro Debaters "Cha'ms" Falls Audience

An audience of approximately 300 persons witnessed a very interesting debate held between the negro debate team of LeMoyné College, Memphis, Tennessee, and the River Falls college debate team on Thursday evening, February 27.

The question for debate was Resolved: That the nations of the Western Hemisphere should form a permanent union. Mr. Granes and Mr. Sain of LeMoyné College upheld the affirmative while Paul Prucha and Everett Chapman of River Falls composed the negative team.

The audience proved to be the judge of the debate. A shift of opinion decision found the negative victorious by a 2-1 decision.

## Primary Club on River Falls Campus Is Accepted Into National Association for Childhood Education



Marjorie Gustafson  
She will be president

### College Poll Shows Students Favor Finals

A majority of American college students believe final examinations are a help rather than a drawback. Nevertheless, nearly 55 per cent say that there is room for improvement in the method of testing a student's knowledge in a course, a nation-wide survey shows.

Shortly after fall semester examinations had been held on most campuses, interviewers asked collegians, "Do you believe final examinations are a help or a drawback to you personally?" Exams are a help, nearly six out of every ten declared. And the reasons most often mentioned are exemplified by these typical comments:

"Examinations make me review and assimilate what I have been learning; they give me a bird's eye view of the course."—Swarthmore freshman.

"Exams make me work. I never study until I cram for finals."—DePauw senior.

"They help me to catch up with things I may have overlooked in a course."—Wisconsin junior.

There are many, many students, however, who disagree. This is what some of them said:

"Exams work me up into a nervous state; I don't remember anything."—Wooster College sophomore.

"I have to cram for finals. I believe in shorter tests throughout the year."—Montana State freshman.

"Examinations are not a true evaluation of one's knowledge. It is better to learn by daily study than by cramming for the final."—University of Denver sophomore.

The Primary Club has been officially accepted as a student branch of the National Association for Childhood Education and is receiving its certificate from headquarters. The club is now known as the River Falls State Teachers College Association for Childhood Education and has grown to include about 30 members.

In Wisconsin there are now nine student branches of the ACE. Milwaukee has two, and Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Stevens Point, Superior, Wausau and Kenosha with the recent addition of River Falls, have one.

The officers of the local branch are Marjorie Gustafson, president, Millicent Leadholm, vice president, Jean Christianson, secretary, Marian Tracy, publicity agent, Dola Schwartz, treasurer, and Miss Gladys Zak, counselor. The group is planning an active program for the remainder of the year.

## RFSTC To Hold Annual "B" Debate Tournament

On Saturday, March 15, the River Falls State Teachers College will hold its seventh annual "B" debate tournament for inexperienced debaters. Ten schools have entered a total of 19 teams. Schools entered are: Iowa Teachers of Cedar Falls, Concordia of Moorhead, Minnesota, St. Cloud State Teachers College, St. Thomas, Hamline, Superior State Teachers, Bethel, Augsburg, Eau Claire, and River Falls.

This tournament differs from others in that participation is limited to those who have not debated in the Northwest Tournament held at the College of St. Thomas and College of St. Catherine March 3, 4, 5. Teams must be prepared to debate both sides of the question and will consist of two members.

Experience in judging is given to first squad debaters who will judge the debates. Each school is to bring one student judge for each two teams.

The tournament will begin at 11:00 a. m. There will be four rounds of debate, and a dinner will be given for all teams, judges, and coaches in the cafeteria in the evening. Decisions will be announced at the dinner.

## Masquers To Present One-Act Plays on Thursday, March 27

March 27 is the date set for the presentation of the Masquers one-act plays which was set at a short business meeting of the organization Feb. 27.

The regular bi-monthly meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 13, at 6:30 in the Social Room. The program Thursday evening will be put on by the remaining new members under the chairmanship of Merle Michaelson.



Millicent Leadholm

--- to promote progressive education

## Men Students Show Fine Record - Stratton

The men of this college have a record in regard to scholasticism and membership in different organizations of which they can be very proud. In a recent survey relative to this subject, many interesting facts were disclosed. From 37 members the seniors have just four men who do not have a C average. There are 18 men who have more than 1.5 honor points per credit hour, and eight of these men have two or more honor points per credit hour. Of these same students in the senior group there is but one individual who has not joined in any of the extra curricular activities. One individual has taken part in 19 different activities, including organizations, offices held, and participation on different committees. These figures show that the seniors have worked hard during their college careers, are willing and able to study and still be active members in our activities.

From 70 juniors we find that 11 men do not have a C average. Also 32 men have more than 1.5 honor points per credit hours, of which 14 do A and B class work. Here, too, one student has not participated in any extra curricular work. Two men have been active in 12 different organizations, activities, committees, and office positions.

The sophomores have 16 men doing A and B work, and 25 have more than 1.5 honor points per credit hour. Twenty-seven men do not have a C average. From this class five men have failed to report for any extra curricular activities while two have taken part in nine different ones.

Of the freshmen, there are 22 men who are not participating in any extra curricular work. Eighty-two are members of different organizations, and 21 have served on committees.

## Midguardians Hold Reception

Reception for new members was held Tuesday evening at 7:00 p. m. in the Social Room at a meeting of the Midguardians.

Reception committee members were Bernice Lovell, Vonnie Fellrath, Gertrude Abitz, and Evelyn Often.

## RF Students Do Practice Work in Several Schools

The third term finds a number of students doing practice work. Students will practice in the training school, and in the Hudson, River Falls, and Roberts high schools.

Elementary students enrolled in the intermediate grades who will do practice work in the training school are: Ardis Dixon, Virginia Biller, Marguerite Allen, Ellen Kessler and Audrey Graves in the fourth grade; Gertrude Abitz, Anna Pleszczynski, Mildred Wink, Evelyn Often and Leona Rhodney in the fifth grade; Kathleen Ryan, Frances Kelley and Helen Seim in the sixth grade.

Elementary students enrolled in the primary grades who will practice are: Eileen Bergemann, June Tweed, and Marion Tracy in the first grade; Floy Swanson, Dola Schwartz, Berdena Miller, and Bertha Wilhelm in the second grade; Anna Mae McDowell, Millicent Leadholm, Ellen Kessler, Marguerite Allen, Myrtle Larson and Virginia Biller in the third grade.

Darwin Fogarty, Dorothy Parrish, Loren Tousley, and Robert Wills will practice in the high school at Hudson. Everett Chapman and Paul Prucha will do practice work in the River Falls high school. William Sirek and Willard Downing will go to Roberts for their practice work.

Other secondary students who will do practice teaching in the training school are: Dana Rasmus, English VII; Arthur Palm, mathematics VII; Jack King, geography VII; Gilbert Rivard, mathematics VIII; Marion Kirkpatrick, English VII and music VII and VIII; Amanda Florness, English VIII; Pearl Burton, English VIII; Ray Sabotka, mathematics VIII; Verma Annett, music VII and VIII; Vernon Henricks, geography VI.

## Senate Will Sponsor Voice Anniversary Dance

The Student Senate held a joint meeting with the Social committee Monday, March 10. The new blanks of the committee were submitted and approved. Miss Hathorn gave some suggestions for improvement.

Marshall Johnston, editor of the *Student Voice*, requested the Senate to sponsor an all-school dance to be given April 18 for the 25th Anniversary of *Student Voice*. After a short discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Senate sponsor the dance.

Paul Prucha reported for the *Mel-etean* committee. It was decided that the committee get more material on the matter and report at the next meeting, which will be held Tuesday, March 25. Anyone who is interested in this meeting is invited by the Senate to attend.

## Cartoonist To Entertain Students With Comic Sketches at Assembly

This morning, Mr. Briggs, well-known comic artist, will present an interesting and entertaining hour of educational, comic sketches.



Mr. Briggs, who is very deft with the charcoal and crayon, depicts nature and her surroundings with the sharpness of a fox

His sketches are spiced with fun, frolic, and philosophy. With total disregard for the top or the bottom of a picture, Mr. Briggs' pictures provide an equally fine view either way.

## Fems Lose "It" at Matinee Hop

With low grades haunting a fair per cent of the student body, it was amazing to see the gay abandonment of the third termites at the matinee dance Monday afternoon in South Hall. Music was furnished by the top bands of the country via Eddie Jake and the "vic."

The ping-pong table attracted many of the most eligible males - leaving innumerable fems with nothing better to do than grab a coke at the caf - or perhaps recklessly going so far as to inhale two cigarettes, one right after the other.

## Debate Squad Finishes Season

The River Falls debate squad completed its official debate tournament by attending the Northwest Tournament which was held at St. Thomas on March 3, 4, 5. There were 70 teams entered and 48 women's teams. Those attending from River Falls were Lois Webb, Dolores Kramschuster, Katherine Lynch, Irene Raawe, Don Willink, Paul Prucha, Everett Chapman, and Oliver Glanzman.

## How Did You Do It?

### Reasons for Grades Written in Exclusive Letter to Ma

Dear Mom,

RFSTC, March 10, 1941

I got back to River Falls about one o'clock this afternoon and I discovered all my grades posted.

Don't be frightened when I tell you I flunked English because it really is a hard course and I barely got started in the course and the quarter ended. We had so many vacations I did not have time to write all my themes. Christmas vacation broke up my only study spurt and then I think the final was too hard.

I also got an F in zoology, a D in chemistry and a Condition in physi-

cal education. The winter quarter is always harder and then we have had several bad snowstorms.

Zoology never did appeal to me because I never liked angleworms and that is all we studied. The kid next to me got an F, too. I think Dr. Kettlekamp should hold class more than once a week, we met only on Wednesdays. My roommate says attendance the other days was optional.

I hit my favorite course pretty good, Chemistry always did have an attraction for me and I think I'll be a success in that. You never have to go to laboratory in that class.

That Condition in physical education can be made up to a D plus very easily. All I have to do is stand on my head and then turn a double flip. The fellows all say that is easy.

You know, Mom, I really studied a lot and my results probably won't show until next quarter.

I have been very good and I haven't had a date for two weeks and it will be many two weeks before I do. Please send ten dollars.

Your son,  
Johnny.

P.S.: Will send my laundry next week. Bill has to give my shirts back.



# Editorials

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## Totalitarian States Fear U. S. Aid to British War Machine

America is now preparing to become England's war partner, or as we idealistically phrase it, the arsenal of Democracy. This week our Congress passed the Lend-Lease bill which will make available to England all the productive capacity of our country.

Although as yet we have really not given much, this preparation to give has had a decided effect on the war. England has gained new confidence in herself and prestige among other nations. Hitler seems to realize even more than most Americans do, what a big part we will play in the turn of events. He has realized that he must win before this aid becomes really effective.

Hitler has decided he cannot destroy the British at home immediately and his only hope now is to control the Balkans. During the last week he has virtually absorbed Bulgaria without any trouble. However, when he tried to overrun the rest of the Balkan peninsula he met resistance which seemed to come from the belief that England now has a chance to win if aided with our supplies. Jugoslavia has refused, for the present, to sign a non-aggression pact with Hitler and seems to be stalling for time. Even Russia went so far as to reprove Bulgaria for its recent action by saying, "Russia was not in a position to support Bulgaria in carrying out her present policy."

Turkey is a big question mark. But right now, England seems to be in her favor. Evidently recent English successes in Africa have strengthened Turkish respect for the ability of English military forces. Turkey seemed to believe these victories will make it possible for England to keep control of the Mediterranean. But now that we are going to really help England by giving ships to keep control of both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, England has really gained Turkish favor. Evidently Turkey believes this control combined with her control of the Dardanelles will keep Hitler in his place.

Anyway last week the British Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, and the British Chief of the General Staff, General Sir John Dill, were in Ankara. Both received favorable comments from the Turkish press, and also, more important, from the government. The final upshot was that the Anglo-Turkish Alliance was strongly affirmed. And in a realistic way of demonstrating this, Turkish defenses on the Bulgarian border were strengthened. The Dardanelles were closed to all but ships with special permits and Turkish naval pilots.

Greece also refused Germany's offer to make peace. Evidently she is relying upon both English and Turkish aid. And indirectly England's new strength and Turkey's new position are both due to our position.

Therefore, it seems as if our enemies already anticipate what we will do and already fear us. England seems to have gained ground. Now we must put our productive machinery in high gear and make these expectations a reality.

## Basketball Booming Here Tends To Make Poor Sportsmanship

Attention has been called to the frequent booing by the student body at basketball games. A certain amount at the proper times might be all right but, this sort of thing creates a bad reputation for the school and draws the ill will of opposing teams, which is very harmful to our own athletic teams.

Booming and hissing, jointly referred to as the Bronx cheer, is what actually draws the adverse attention that other schools might pay. The fact that fans resent a decision of an official, or that they even go so far as to shout disapproval, does not attract the attention of visiting teams or fans. It is the sound of a Bronx cheer which really makes them disgusted. Shouting indicates enthusiasm while a Bronx cheer shows poor sportsmanship.

One who is tempted to let fly a big boo once in a while might remember a much more subtle method of controlling referees. A loud long sigh, a roaring laugh or something of a similar nature works remarkably well. These things embarrass a referee, while a Bronx

## Names Make News

### Charles Phillips Proves To Be Man-About-School

Among River Falls' most "interesting personalities" is rugged, individualistic Charles Phillips, third-year student and man-about-school. "Chuck" was raised in River Falls, a local high school graduate who knows every angle of the community.

Originally known to his pre-college pals as "Porky", he has lost this monicker in favor of "Chuck" or Phillips. Going to college for him is a matter-of-fact affair but really great sport.



He loves to meddle with various chemical compounds, several times having almost blown himself to bits when things didn't mix according to Hoyle.

Like Howard Wilcox, he is a contortionist and an imitator. He has "wowed" several informal groups with his spontaneous three-minute shows. For his take-off ability Chuck rates membership in the Masquers and always guarantees a laugh.

Charles is fascinated by aeronautics and would like to work in aerial photography. So far, however, most of his traveling has been done by hitch-hiking, an art at which he is a genius.

If names make news at RFSTC, then Charles Phillips is near the top of the list.

Jazz recordings from down-town juke boxes are his favorite meat, supplemented with "cocs" and conversation. He can go on record as being the champ "coc" drinker on the campus, consuming as many as six in one day, while his colleagues look on in amazement.



## Sleuthing with Dopey Joe

We don't know who spent the week-end at what place, but WE have a good idea. Did KEN RASMUSSEN journey to Cumberland to participate in the quarterly rites? No results of this week-end have come in as yet, no new marriages, no new romances, no etc. WAYNE THOMPSON took his charm to the Twin Cities and from all indications had a wonderful time. MARGY SKAGEN went east to spread her glory. I wonder whom GILBERT RIVARD is going to take to the dinner-dance affair which is scheduled to come off next week?

HAROLD SCHMIDT spent the vacation with his wife - - as scheduled. A couple of old students enjoyed the game last Friday evening in the persons of ROMAIN BRANDT and MURIEL TAYLOR. It is nice to see some of the old faces at these frays. DUKE CLARK is reported to be shifting his glances from VONNIE JOHNSON to - - well, you'll see in the crystal ball.

The Horoscope predicts that those people born between February 20 and March 21 enjoy social life and are devoted to their family.

Freshman DOUG BOLES certainly has a time keeping up with honor roller BILL STRATTON. If ED JACOBSON would only announce his prom date, everyone would be able to relax. Mention must be made of Mr RILEY'S haircut, which makes him look like the other half of a Siamese Twin. EVERETT CHAPMAN is still wondering what caused the Civil War. DR. WILLIAMS won't disclose the answer.

cheer will anger him.

Every so often a reader finds an attempt to defend umpires. Yet no one ever attacks them on printed page. This is not meant to defend referees. The attempt has been made to show how fans can influence referees one way or another. Control anger and display a subtle abjection or mute resistance and fans can soften the hardest of referees.

## Behind the Eight Ball with the editor

From far-away Chugwater, Wyoming, comes a letter bringing news of Willard Lane, recently hired school teacher of the Chugwater public schools. As usual, he is all enthusiasm, pep, and vitality. There are 75 students in the consolidated system. Professor Lane directs the band "day and night."

Alto Broten, the spontaneous combustion writer for this sheet, tells an interesting experience of a week ago last Monday. Alton, who lives in Hudson, took the local steam engine to River Falls after snow had blocked automobile transportation. Well, the train got stuck, and there sat Alton, between here and Hudson, looking forlorn, while attempts were made to push the poor limited through to River Falls. Finally, after sitting all day on the train, he found himself riding backwards to Hudson, where, after supper, he took the bus to River Falls.

The YWCA plans a dinner-dance for Monday night, an innovation here which is scheduled to be an entertaining evening for everyone.

## Testimonial

By Lois Hatch

When the term's last test has been written,  
And the pens are scratching and dried,  
When only the strongest can smile yet,  
And the weakest have curled up and died,

We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it—  
Sleep for a week end or two,  
'Till those slave-drivers we call professors  
Shall put us to work anew.

And those who worked hard shall be happy  
And rejoice in their A's and B's,  
And those who just played and were lazy  
Shall groan o'er their F's and D's.

And all through the weekend we'll rest,  
Not once shall our school books call.  
We'll have vigor enough to work a whole  
week  
And scrawly get tired at all.

And next term the teachers shall praise us  
And no one will find any blame  
For, of course, we'll be working our heads  
off  
But not for renown or fame.

But each with the hope of passing  
And each for the grades he seeks  
Shall waste his time as he chooses  
Until the last fatal weeks.

## American Aid to Britain Is Key to United States Security

What is happening in the Balkans seems to spell another English defeat. Hitler has again applied his tactics of divide and conquer and has isolated Greece. Even Russia, who has always considered the Balkans as her sphere of influence has done nothing. Turkey, without Russia's approval, dares do little. So, after absorbing Bulgaria and liquidating Greece, the Axis can isolate Gibraltar and destroy British power in the Mediterranean.

And yet the Mediterranean is only a side-show. Hitler cannot win the war this year or the next, by victories in the Mediterranean region. He can win only by invading the British isles or blockading them. As long as British resistance continues in the British isles, the British navy will continue to control the Atlantic.

In addition, as long as the United States can supply war materials Britain has more hope of keeping control of the Atlantic. Also, in so doing she gives America security from both Axis and Japan. As long as British control the Atlantic, the United States navy will be "somewhere in the Pacific." This makes it

## To Which Class Do You Belong?

The students on our campus are divided roughly into three major groups, at least for the present. These groups are distinguished by their varying degrees of brilliance.

Now there are those most brilliant of students who passed their exams with flying colors and a good margin of safety. This group is easily recognized by their jaunty step, clear sparkling eyes, and a "know-it-all" look. Don't ask them if they think the exams were hard, because they're sure to say, "Stiffest tests I've ever taken." Don't let them fool you—those are the people who really thought the tests were simple, but they want you to believe they were hard so you won't feel so bad about hitting rock bottom. Oh yes, they're really tender-hearted creatures — but, heck, they can afford to be — they passed the blasted tests!

The second group is the one that just sort of "oozed" over the seventy mark. This group may be recognized by their air of relief and "devil-may-care" attitude. They may even act a little giddy — but so would you if you'd been sitting on pins and needles for a week waiting for those powerful pedagogues to decide whether or not they thought you deserved to pass. If you ask them if the tests were hard, they'll say "no", but all the time you know they are putting up a brave front.

Now we come to the last group! That poor, emaciated, disappointed, disillusioned, uncomfortable group of students whose prayers went to naught and whose hopes were as pipe-dreams. There could be no mistaking this class who are wasting away on the dark side of the seventy mark. They drag weary feet from one place to the other, look with shamed faces at their fellow students, and glance accusingly at the teachers. If you ask them if the tests were hard, they will say "Yes" and mean it.

In spite of the history that has been made the past week, you can see no great sign of the stress and turmoil. Each student has accepted his fate as inevitable, and on the surface he is as calm and collected as if he had not gone through one of the three most trying experiences of the year. Hearts will be happy and hopes will be high for seventy-seven days, and then beware! — for the monsters will be back again.

highly improbable that Japan will attempt any major Southward thrust.

So in reality, Hitler's defeat depends upon the British navy keeping its control of the Atlantic. However the British can do this only by keeping their navy and Britain itself intact with supplies from us. Really, Hitler's defeat and our security depends upon American aid to Britain now.

## THE STUDENT VOICE

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## Ellsworth Wins Local District "B" Tournament; To Go To Madison

A plucky band of basketeers from Ellsworth high school assumed the dark horse role in the sub-regional tournament in North Hall gym last week to cop first place and earn the right to play in the St. Croix Falls tourney finals. At St. Croix Falls the Ellsworth aggregation again upset the dope by dumping a favored St. Croix Falls high school team in the finals; as a result the Ellsworth five will represent this district in the state tournament at Madison.

The champions won only two games during the regular playing season and finished low in the Middle Border Conference. However, in the first round of the preliminaries on Wednesday the dark horse five hurtled New Richmond 31-19. In the other game of the first round River Falls outpointed Spring Valley 29-22; Hudson and Baldwin, the Class C winner, drew byes.

On Thursday evening the boys from Ellsworth tripped a spirited Baldwin contingent 26-23. Bud Manion's River Falls five edged out Hudson in a wild and woolly contest 30-29 to bring the local high school and Ellsworth together in Friday's finale.

Ellsworth did not relax their spirit and drive in the finals as they led River Falls all the way and emerged with a 27-26 victory. Ken Fladager's Hudson representative won consolation honors by defeating luckless Baldwin 33-31.

## Superior Defeats Falcons In Final Game 76 to 58

River Falls lost their last basketball game of the season on the opening day of March to a championship Superior team, 58 to 76. Captain Jack King, Fred Kroeger, Don Schwartz, and Stanley Palm donned their suits for the last time representing the flaming Falcons.

The Yellowjackets took over the lead midway during the first half and never were pressed to relinquish it, piling up 47 points at the end of the half.

The Red and White took the lead and staved off the Superior thrusts for eight minutes, but the onthrusts were too great, and finally the Falcons yielded to the Whereattmen. Olson and King kept River Falls within "catching-up" distance, yet the fighting northmen dropped in a raft of buckets via Welch and Muller. Rehnstrand at the pivot post netted 13 points to help his teammates increase their lead.

Taking no chances on being surpassed late in the second half as several Superior men had three personal fouls, the Yellowjackets flipped two-pointers from all angles through the net. Rasmussen and Kroeger gave the Falcons hope with their second half contributions, but the game was fairly well salted away and the spot against them was too great.

The game was exceedingly fast and though one-sided, both teams played a good brand of ball. The Superior quintet was led by "Moose" Rehnstrand with 24 points and Welch with 21. Muller and Engdahl got 12 and 9 respectively. Captain "Ernie" Rehnstrand was held down to one bucket.

The Falcons relied on Olson and King with their 15 points each and on Kroeger's 14 points. Many fouls were called especially on the invaders as they lost four men via the foul route.

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Kroeger	4	6	4	14
Olson	6	3	2	15
Schmidt	0	2	2	2
Rasmussen	2	4	2	8
Schwartz	0	0	4	0
King	6	3	3	15
Palm	2	0	3	4
Total	20	18	23	58
Superior	29	18	25	76

### Conference Standing

	W	L	Pct.
Superior	7	1	.875
LaCrosse	6	2	.750
River Falls	3	5	.375
Stout	2	6	.250
Eau Claire	2	6	.250

FEELING everywhere is definitely in favor of the spirited Ellsworth high school basketball team that copped the local tourney as well as the St. Croix meet. The quintet rallied after dropping all but two season contests.

ALL sports writers are bestowing honors upon Gene Engund for his splendid work in bringing the cage title to Wisconsin. He was ably supported by Kotz of Rhinelander fame.

LAST week began spring practice for most big league baseball clubs. The managers are already predicting great seasons for their prize rookies and great comebacks for the veterans.

CONFERENCE champs, Superior, will enter the intercollegiate tourney at Kansas City again this year. Last year the northerners waded to the quarter finals.

OUR thoughts are often focused upon those disruptive affairs in Europe where the youths have no chance to exercise and compete in games such as we selfish Americans do.

NEXT week begins the highly important cage meet at St. Croix Falls. The top notch independent teams of the Northwest will be squaring off for the \$250 prize money.

SPORTS have suffered an inestimable set-back from the war. The delay in the Olympic Games will probably end in permanent loss of the events.

## "Toll Bridge" Birkmose Is Versatile Athlete

Also prominent among the fair athletes of RFSTC is another senior representative from the toll-bridge town, Mildred "Milly" Birkmose.



Mildred Birkmose

Miss Birkmose was a star athlete at Hudson high, coming to River Falls from that high school in 1937. Since then "Milly" has taken part in almost every athletic event during her four years here, basketball, kittenball, pinball, hockey and swimming. The lone activity which she has not quite mastered is tennis. She has belonged to the WAA all four years, serving last year as treasurer.

This spring Mildred graduates with a math major and science and English minors. Last term she practiced at Hudson, finding that the home town brats are hard to handle. She, too, plans on a teaching career, that is, until the air corps at Pensacola moves north. It seems that she has a vested interest of some sort among Uncle Sam's skybirds.

"Milly" has been very popular in student life at River Falls. She is a member of the Sigma Chi Sigma, the WAA, president of the Math club, and last year served on the prom committee.

Now, to delve into her personal life and experiences. She passes the time away knitting or "coking" at the KK; she is in accord with Mr. Malott with her violent dislike of anklets and high heels; she eats everything, depending upon the condition of the Pensacolan's pocketbook for sweets. Her most embarrassing experience centers around an old Ford that refused to run, somewhere out in the country.

"Milly" spends the summers in Hudson helping an iceman's wife with the housework. As the fellow said, "That ain't the way I heard it!" But, she explained to this nosey writer, her brother works for the iceman, so everything is all right.

## These Four Seniors End River Falls College Hardcourt Careers



Fred Kroeger



Jack King



Stanley Palm



Don Schwartz

One of the main cogs on the basketball team this year was senior Captain Jack King. Jack hails from the downstate city of Watertown. This season he scored 130 points, playing either at the forward or guard position in all sixteen games.

High point man of the luckless Falcons was the Wells, Minnesota flash, "Fritz" Kroeger who piled up a formidable total of 214 points on 79 field goals and 56 free throws. His loss through graduation will be a severe blow to the squad.

Neither a flashy player nor an outstanding scorer is the Milltown math expert, Stanley "Speck" Palm. Yet, his steady playing throughout the season enabled the Falcons to stay "right up in there". Palm scored 55 points, ranking fifth in Falcon scoring.

Playing as understudy to center Ken Rasmussen this season, the other Milltown senior, Don Schwartz, also finished four years of college basketball. Schwartz played in all but two of the games this season, scoring 20 points on six buckets and eight free throws.

### Season Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PF	TP
Kroeger	16	79	56	31	214
King	16	50	30	29	130
Rasmussen	16	38	17	35	93
Schmidt	14	28	14	25	70
Palm	16	24	7	42	55
Olson	12	19	12	18	50
Peloquin	13	19	10	32	48
Schwartz	14	6	8	25	20
Henry	8	5	3	3	13

### Free Throws

	FTA	FTM	PCT.
Kroeger	82	56	.683
King	53	30	.566
Schwartz	17	9	.529
Schmidt	28	14	.500
Henry	6	3	.500
Olson	26	12	.469
Peloquin	22	10	.454
Rasmussen	41	17	.414
Palm	28	7	.250
Team Totals	303	158	.512

## WAA News

Alma Sumner has again captured first place in the women's table tennis tournament which was played during the winter term. Second and third places were won by Alma Colium and Margaret Stronks, respectively.

Nearly every one of the fifteen participants reached the top of the ladder at least once during the contest but could not hold the position against Sumner's challenge. Alma has established somewhat of a record in table tennis having won the four tournaments which she has entered.

There will be one more table tennis tournament this term. This series will be run on the elimination basis with both championship and consolation games.

Intramural volleyball has started, but as yet no teams have been picked. All women interested whether they are WAA members or not are urged to come out for this activity every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 4:10.

## Freshman Cage Season Ends Showing Successful Record

Fresh basketball came to an end the week before tests as the yearlings nosed out the River Falls All Stars in a close game.

Throughout the season the freshman team has played such aggregations as the Balsam Lake Comets, the Prescott Flyers, the Spring Valley Aces, and the Elmwood City Team. From this tough schedule they emerged with a season of four wins and five losses.

Next year's varsity will find sev-

eral of this year's freshman crop on its roost. The chance for advancement next season will be enlarged greatly by the loss of many of the varsity through graduation.

## R Club Discusses Dinner Dance Plans and Arranges Initiation

Plans for a formal dinner dance were discussed at a meeting of the R club Monday evening, March 3. The prospective members of the club have been sentenced to an initiation by the 45 present members before acceptance into the organization.

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### Students Need Guidance In Joining Organizations

An opportunity for the entire student body to air its views on the question, "Does the Campus Offer a Fair Chance to All?" was presented at the joint YW-YM discussion meeting on Monday evening in the college auditorium.

Marjorie Gustafson led the participants in the discussion. Harold Odden represented the agriculture students; Veloise Baker, the secondary women students, Reuben Hermanson, the secondary men students; and Doris Robertson, the rural students' viewpoints.

After each had expressed his criticisms and commendations on the existing set-up at RFSTC, they participated in a fifteen minute round-table discussion, after which the question was thrown open for discussion by the audience.

It was brought out that River Falls has a sufficient number of organizations operating on its campus, but more guidance is needed among students; freshman should be advised by department heads as to what activities would be of benefit to their training here. The opportunities for rural students, too, was deplored since there is only one organization here, the Rural Club, in which they really participate. Yet when they go out to teach, rural students are expected to be the leaders of the community - direct plays, put on programs, and maintain and stimulate interest in the activities of their school.

### May Completes Survey Showing RF Ag Men Gain Positions

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cational profession at the present time. Remaining in their original work are 72 per cent (139) who still teach agriculture in high schools mostly located in agrarian villages in this section of Wisconsin. Eight are doing other agricultural educational work such as teaching college, extension work, and attending graduate school.

Those doing educational work in fields other than agriculture are putting their college training to its intended use as high school teachers, principals, and county superintendents.

Of the 31 graduates who have shifted to non-educational vocations over two-thirds are in public service in the agricultural field. By advancing from teaching eight have secured positions as county farm agents or 4-H club leaders. The United States Department of Agriculture employs eight more to aid in soil conservation, agricultural economics, or the Farm Security Administration. Their training in the marketing of farm products has resulted in three of these men being hired by cooperative marketing associations. A total of 183 out of 195 are either teaching or are engaged in agricultural work directly related to their college training.

It is obvious from this survey that the college agriculture department is fulfilling its primary purpose of training agricultural teachers, and that most of these men do make use of this training in becoming permanent members of the teaching profession.

### Cecil Leeson and Saul Durfman Entertain Students and Faculty

Cecil Leeson, one of America's outstanding saxophonists, presented a varied program of saxophone solos during the regular assembly of the student body Thursday, February 27, in the college auditorium. He was accompanied by Saul Durfman, noted Chicago pianist.

Mr. Leeson began his early musical education at the Conservatory of Music in Warren, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1925. He has played at various times with the New York and Rochester philharmonic orchestras and the Montreal symphony orchestra.

Saul Durfman, the accompanist, won a gold medal while at the Chicago Conservatory of Music. In 1927 he captured the grand prize in the Chicago Piano Tournament, which that year boasted over 15,000 contestants.

### Freshmen Hold Sweater Party

The South Hall Gym and Social Room were the scenes of the freshman party held Friday evening, February 28. The members of the class danced to the rhythmic strains of the NYA orchestra and played card games in the Social Room.

At 11:30 the members of the class tramped down to the cafeteria to be served lunch. Dr. and Mrs. Walker D. Wyman chaperoned the party.

### Third Grade Entertains Mothers

The third grade of the training school gave a variety program, to the mothers Thursday afternoon, February 27. The program was a culmination of the work done this term in health, English and reading, directed by Ms. Adeline Patton, Eileen Bergemann, and Berdeena Miller.

## Skirts

Certain things just naturally belong together. There's butter well spread on bread, gravy poured lavishly on potatoes, bark that fits tightly to the tree, and skirts that cover feminine knees. Even though one might not suspect it, the purpose of a skirt, first, last, and always, whether the trend be conservative or daring, is to conceal the knees, though shapely, of all maids, modest or otherwise.

Now, in Grandma's days they wore skirts that were skirts. They were big, billowy affairs that left no doubt as to their purpose, and their length was definitely undisputed as being a shoe-top length. When our mothers began to grow up, skirts began to go up. First, shapely ankles peeped alluringly forth, and gradually, as women began to feel less conspicuous and men a little less shocked, skirts crawled slowly to just below the knees, where present-day stylists advocate their staying.

There are girls — and girls! Some look plenty neat in short skirts, and some are definitely not the glamour type that can stand the southern exposure. And there are occasions — and occasions! It seems rather right

for coeds to doll up in an abbreviated skirt if the occasion is purely sport, or if the mood strikes her, but there are times when a modest length adds to her charm, such as a rather public dance, a party at home, and of course, church.

There's no special formula to follow

in pleasing that certain "he" (did you ever notice that if you wear a short skirt he scowls, but if someone else wears one he whistles approvingly?) or our instructors, but it's a safe bet that none will object to skirts that cover all they are supposed to — no more — no less!

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