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River Falls Debate Teams Take Part in Northwest Tourney

St. Thomas Tournament Draws Over Hundred Teams from Neighboring States

Two River Falls debate teams have reached the last rounds of competition at the St. Thomas tourney, according to the report telephoned here this morning by Dr. Walker D. Wyman.

Marion Hawkins and Joyce Leonard have been undefeated to date and are one of the three teams left in the women's division.

The Zorn-Dykstra team is one of eight men's teams left in the running. They were undefeated until last night when the decision was awarded to Chadron Teachers College of Chadron, Nebraska.

Participation in the Northwest tournament held at St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minnesota, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week will climax the season for the Falcon debaters.

Coach W. D. Wyman has entered two teams in the men's division and one team in the women's division which will be held at the neighboring College of St. Catherine in St. Paul.

The two local men's teams are the Dykstra-Zorn and Larson-Sirianni combinations. Marion Hawkins and Joyce Leonard have been selected as the local women speakers.

The River Falls teams will be placed in action against over 100 teams from an area of seven states which have already been entered in this tournament.

Changes designed to raise the caliber of competition in the St. Thomas tourney have been planned for this year. The preliminary rounds of competition have been expanded from four to six. However, all teams losing more than one debate in these rounds will be eliminated.

The Northwest tournament, which has always been recognized as one of the strongest and most outstanding tourneys in the nation, will present some of the keenest competition in the advanced rounds.

After the Northwest tournament, only one event remains on the local debating schedule. This will be the annual River Falls tourney for second team debaters. It will be held on the local campus on March 13.

Mrs. M. C. Eide Will Talk on Chicago Trip

Complex numbers, Non-Euclidean geometry, and Mrs. Eide's recent trip to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics will be the topics presented at the Mathematics Club meeting tonight at 7:00 in Room 33.

Nolan Isaacson will present a discussion of complex numbers, which are part real and part imaginary in character.

The history and some phases of Non-Euclidean geometry will be presented by Russell Gettinger. This geometry developed when it was found impossible to prove Euclid's fifth postulate on parallels.

Mrs. Margaret C. Eide will tell some things about some of the interesting personalities she saw at the Chicago meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics which she attended on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20.

Club members should notice that the meeting time has been advanced from 7:30 to 7:00 p. m., and the meeting is one week earlier than usual.

College Calendar

FEBRUARY							MARCH						
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Mrs. Stanton Discusses Russian Constitution

Mrs. Elsie Stanton, history instructor of the River Falls high school, addressed the college History Club on Tuesday evening, March 2, on the subject "Is the New Russian Constitution Democratic?"

"The Constitution, as written by Stalin, is the result of Russian experiences," quoted Mrs. Stanton. This Constitution, as it is written, appears very democratic. The basic rights of the citizens of Russia might be compared to the Bill of Rights. In the list of citizens' rights, firstly, is the right to work, receiving payment according to quality and quantity; this right is followed by rights of rest, of material security, of education, of religion, and many others. Even freedom of speech, and of assembly are given if used to strengthen a socialistic government. In Russia the rights of the women are equal with the rights of men. The ideas of a secret ballot system and universal suffrage to all citizens at least 18 years of age lose their democratic tendency when it is remembered there is only one way to vote in Russia.

Mrs. Stanton did not take any particular side on the question, but furnished "food for thought." These ideas will serve as an incentive to seek for more knowledge on the success of the Constitution of the U. S. S. R.

Meletean Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the 1937 Meletean will be received at the time of registration. The subscription will be seventy-five cents for those who have paid the budget fee for three terms.

College Masquers Will Present Four One-Act Plays Soon

J. Bradley, J. Leonard, E. Tubbs, N. Grunke, M. Hawkins, and F. Haugh Coach Plays

The Masquers organization will present four one-act plays at a public performance March 17, in the college auditorium. They will be selected from six plays that are now being staged and directed by members of the organization.

"Drums", a tragedy, by Irving Comstock is being coached by John Bradley. The scene of this play is laid in a military settlement near a South African jungle. The theme rests upon the native custom of demanding the death of a white man for the death of a black man.

Miss Joyce Leonard has selected "The Thirty-three" by Hiram Gordon. It is a psychological drama.

"Hotel Dilemma" is a rollicking comedy by James K. Donavan. This play is directed by Niles Grunke. Its unusual setting and clever lines make it an irresistible farce.

Miss Marion Hawkins has selected an Irish fantasy, "Land's End," by Dorothy Hughes. It takes place at a farm in Land's End, Ireland. The play weaves about the beautiful wisp of Ireland who leads her victim over the cliff.

"No Man's Land," by Allan Hegre is being directed by Emma Lou Tubbs. The play is a character study of an old maid, Lucinda. The narrow views of Lucinda dominate the play.

Francis Haugh is directing the play, "Heels," by Joyce Caraway. It is an unusual study of an emigrant family. The play is replete with real, vivid characters and an appealing love interest.

Y. W. Cabinet Holds Luncheon

The members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet held a luncheon in the social room Monday afternoon, March 1. Miss Irma Hathorn and Anna Mae Vold were the guests.

Following the luncheon a brief discussion was led by Miss Hathorn. The girls who planned the entertainment were Olive Joos, Phyllis Soderstrom, Mae Nelson, Dorothy Arnquist, Iris Mills, and Adeline Larson.

Examination Schedule

Tuesday, March 9	12:30 o'clock classes	1:30 to 3:30
Wednesday, March 10	8:00 o'clock classes	8:00 to 10:00
	8:50 o'clock classes	1:30 to 3:30
Thursday, March 11	9:50 o'clock classes	8:00 to 10:00
	10:45 o'clock classes	10:00 to 12:00
	1:25 o'clock classes	1:30 to 3:30
Friday, March 12	2:20 o'clock classes	8:00 to 10:00
	3:15 o'clock classes	1:30 to 3:30

Exceptions
French 121b-12:30 section, Tech. of Tchg.-8:00 section, Art History-10:45 section, Music 10a-1:25 section, and Lettering-2:20 section will write during last recitation period.

Rules for Registration Are Announced by Office

Registration for the third term will be as follows according to information received from the office today.

Students may make programs with department heads beginning on Tuesday, March 9. So far as possible, all programs should be completed by Friday, March 12.

Fees may be paid at the office beginning Wednesday, March 10. Students must present programs when paying fees.

After having paid fees, students will report at the offices of the Deans for the purpose of filing copies of programs and correcting social record cards. (See bulletin board for schedule of office hours of Dean of Men and Dean of Women.)

After completing registration as outlined above, students will be able to draw text books at hours posted by the librarian.

All fees must be paid not later than Monday, March 15, by which time all program adjustments will be completed.

Students must be prepared to pay the full fees amounting to \$14.50.

Classes will begin at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, March 16.

Iris Mills has received a position to teach at Marathon, Wisconsin, beginning next Monday.

Card Party Postponed

The card party which was planned for Friday, March 3, has been postponed until the third term because of the conflict with the basketball tournament.

Stephen C. Foster Assembly Program Will Be Presented

A Cappella Chorus Directed by M. D. Geere Will Present Music of Composer

A Stephen Foster program will be presented by the A' Cappella Chorus Thursday morning at the regular assembly. The program, arranged by Professor Geere, is as follows:

Biography of Stephen Collins Foster
Rolf Ordal

Introductory Song ---- Frona Nelson
Musical Reading ---- Ruth Phillips
Assisted by chorus

"Uncle Ned", "Hard Times Come Again No More", "Fairy Belle", "Ring, Ring de Banjo" ----- Chorus
Violin Solo - "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming" -- Bernard Merriman
Baritone Solo - "Old Black Joe"
Gene Eagan assisted by chorus

Chorus - "De Camptown Races"
Male members of chorus

Piano solo - "My Old Kentucky Home"
Ardell Hamlett

Tenor solo - "I Dream of Jeannie"
Maurice Shepard

"Old Folks at Home" ----- Chorus

All numbers will be preceded by a few introductory remarks. The program will be given with no attempt at formality. The chorus will be seated on the platform throughout the entire program.

Sophomore Class Meeting

The sophomore class will have a class meeting Friday afternoon at 12:45, in the North Hall gymnasium. Members are urged to be present as election of officers will take place at this time.

J. B. Schmoker Speaks On European Situation

At the joint YM and YW meeting held last Monday night J. Benjamin Schmoker, Executive Secretary from the University of Minnesota spoke on the topic "War Clouds Over Europe."

Mr. Schmoker, who during the summer months conducts European tours for Y members, has first-hand knowledge of conditions on the continent.

"What does it mean to live under a war cloud? In London when quick disposal of apartments is desired they are advertised as equipped with bomb proof shelters," said the speaker. "In France conditions may best be described as jittery."

"There is a friendly feeling between the young people of Europe, yet they say war is imminent. Man does not basically hate one another; man hates a vague something that is undermining his security."

According to Mr. Schmoker, Switzerland which remained neutral during the World War is now obliged to tax its people heavily to prepare its defense against the war planes which are constantly being built in Germany and Italy.

"In Germany unless you are a member of the Nazi political party you have no job, no rights, or privileges. Adolph Hitler has reduced unemployment from six million to less than one million."

"It is our task to discover the causes of world problems as they exist today. We are citizens of the world, not of a mere state or nation. As such we must learn to know and understand the world for its dangers are ours and its problems ours," concluded Mr. Schmoker.

Mysterious Figure Prowls Corridors

Sorry, we didn't mean to frighten you, but the truth MUST be faced.

The first grisly incident was that of the comely junior coed who came face to face with the unknown in a deserted hallway, was apparently held transfixed by his all-compelling eye and was shot pointblank. An even sadder affair was that of the freshman boy who was shot from behind as he climbed the stairs to the second floor of North Hall.

The dark man is very careful not to leave any traces of his various crimes. He takes with him any evidence which might solve the mystery.

A librarian, hearing faint clicking noises in the farther stacks, walked back there just in time to see a dark figure move quickly behind some psychology references. The librarian was certain that she smelled smoke - a sort of powder smoke.

A professor, alone in his office, working with his back to the door, heard a hollow, sepulchral laugh, and whirled around just in time to see the door swing slowly shut - - -!

The sinister figure has been glimpsed in the chemistry lab, where it accidentally brushed over a rack of test-tubes while trying to approach

a student absorbed in an experiment.

Reports have been made of glimpsing the figure behind trees and bushes on the campus, and its presence has been sensed, rather than seen, in the dairy, where its footprints on the spotless floor alone betrayed it.

How to curb this wave of terror? Ah, that is the question. Certainly courage is needed - great courage. But it seems that courage alone is not enough - the specter must be battled with more materially decisive methods. Thinking of ways to outwit this man is not enough. Brawn must work cooperatively with brains if anything is to be accomplished.

To the hunt, ye of the sturdy heart and the strong of arm, and may good luck go with you - you'll need it. And when your courage grows faint, and you would willingly be safe and sound in the library, surrounded by friends, remember the poor defenseless college students being followed or pursued, and shot point-blank. Is all this - this downright murder of our fellow-students worth the trouble and time of the Meletean photographer? We think so. Look out - right behind you! Whee! A peach of a picture for the Meletean.

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

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Editorial Comment

"Is amusement or education the primary aim of college students?" When students have the opportunity to hear a current topic discussed by well-informed persons and either do not attend or attend with indifference and even rudeness, as was the case in last week's assembly and at some History Club meetings, one is inclined to believe the first answer correct. College, we might say without leaning toward a Victorian "life is real, life is earnest" attitude, is not primarily a place of amusement. On the contrary, it is a place where one might expect to find some courtesy and a little appreciative interest (if not enjoyment) in such discussion.

How many times have you said or have you heard others say, "I'd like to read more worthwhile books, but . . . ?" For those would-be readers, we'd like to suggest that a book club might be a means of achieving both their immediate desire and a bit of education and good fellowship in the bargain. One of the librarians has already indicated her willingness to help outline a course of reading adapted to the individual member's preferences and needs. If you readers are really serious, only a little effort on your part in planning would be necessary to form such an organization.

The G. O. P. members are to be highly commended for the efforts put forth which resulted in the splendid success of the season's first formal. The fact that the decorative scheme was so attractively carried out with such little expense is proof that the coeds have fair promise of success in the business world. More power to them!

Why Give Grades? Evil Outweighs Merits

What, exactly, do grades represent? They are the teachers estimates of the ability and progress of the student as determined by the tests he has written, the term papers he has prepared, the class work he has done, and the general attitude he has shown.

But there are too many variables involved to permit grades to have any real significance. In the first place, the teacher is human, and being human, is probably prejudiced no matter how impartial he may honestly strive to be. In the second place, no two students have had the same environment, and the teacher cannot know what each brings to his particular course—whether there may be an excellent background, with some of the work of the course already covered elsewhere, or whether there may be almost no background. And in the third place, no two teachers see alike—tests which have been given show that one teacher might give an A for a certain piece of work, while another, for an identical piece of work, might give a C or even a D.

Moreover, the student himself is far too likely to lose sight of the true objectives of education. In an effort to secure high grades, he substitutes mere classroom performance for the real interest in making adaptations—true learning—which he should have. Grades may lead to rivalry, too, and to jealousy. Even students genuinely interested in learning are likely to attach too much weight to getting high grades.

The remedy, obviously, is to stop giving grades. It should be enough for both students and parents to know that the work being done is satisfactory or unsatisfactory, passing or failing.—Platteville Exponent.

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Personnel Portraits

"You can lie all you want to about me, but don't tell the truth." Such an abrupt salutation immediately put the reporter on amiable terms with Mr. Geere.

Away back in 1643 there came to Massachusetts from France and England Mr. Marvin D. Geere's earliest American ancestors. He can thus boast of one of the oldest families among our worthy pioneers. It was in Portland, Pennsylvania, that Mr. Geere was first introduced to the world.



Professor Marvin D. Geere

Thirteen years did the head of our music department devote to the study of solmization. He received a diploma from the Pennsylvania College of Music. The next eighteen months he spent in studying the theory and literature of music at the National Conservatory in Paris and in receiving instruction under Gene De Renzke and Charles Clark. At Chautauqua Lake in New York, at the Warren Conservatory of Music, Mr. Geere passed four summers studying the German "Lieder" and the oratorio under Dr. Campbell. The distinction of being the only person ever to be awarded an Artist's Diploma from the Warren Conservatory is Mr. Geere's. At the Metropolitan Opera School of New York Mr. Geere spent two seasons with Karl Dufft. He gave concerts one season with the Belgian pianist, Jacques Chavot, and one season with the Redpath Bureau. Later he studied opera under Signior Marescalchi in Chicago.

Mr. Geere left concert work to teach at Baldwin, Kansas, in Baker University, a North-Central college. Here he was for nine years dean of the school of music and head of the voice and public school music department. He was for two years dean of the Loescamp College in Billings, Montana. From Billings he came to River Falls fourteen years ago to serve as head of the music department here.

Our American Mr. Geere became quite Europeanized during his stay in Europe by extensive travel in England, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal Italy even across the Mediterranean to Algiers in Morocco, Africa. In this country he has been in nearly every state. He has traveled extensively in Canada and Mexico and has been in Newfoundland. But he doesn't like to travel. Much rather, he says, would be "stay put" at some lake or river and hunt or fish - he has fished the Rockies (paradoxical as it may seem) from Colorado to Washington.

As to hobbies, Mr. Geere says he has "lots of them." He likes wood and metal working and boasts of "one of the most complete workshops in town." "I don't have to prove I am a good fisherman, I admit it," he stated with characteristic humor. As a child, he affirms, he was whipped many times for stealing feathers from his mother's hat to tie flies for fish bait. Mr. Geere used to play tennis. (He entered Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio state tournaments and was at one time runner-up in consolation doubles.) His present athletics are limited to breathing exercises for music, and he states ironically, not much of that.

Handel, Hayden, and Wagner are his favorite composers. In literature he likes adventuresome stories of the Conrad or Kipling variety. "I don't go in for this highbrow stuff that nobody understands," he said dog-

Have You Read ?

Since this is the last week before those menacing final examinations, we decided to do a little enjoyable reading in our leisure time. You see we don't want to crave a good book or new magazine next week when a mass of illegible class notes should compose our sole literary diet.

If the thought of term tests leaves you a bit scatter-brained, why not sharpen your wits on the new book *Streamlines* by Christopher Morley. This very modern title refers to the potent, flashing style in which the author writes his clever essays on numerous subjects. The table of contents is sure to find an appeal to every mind. Essays on topics varying from a diary for daughters, to the Broadway Limited, and an Ohio steamboat are contained in the book. Perhaps an appropriate essay for this week would be the one called "Mind Erosion."

A delightful new addition to our poetry collections is *The Poet's Craft* by Daringer and Eaton. The point of view of these authors is that poetry is written for enjoyment, and he who best understands the art of verse writing can most fully enjoy its effects. Consequently the poems of emi-

nent literary men from the days of Shakespeare down to those of Carl Sandburg are included in this volume, under such helpful chapter headings as "Word Music" or "Pictures in Poetry." Thus, every aid is given to the reader's understanding, even in the last section of the book which presents a list of suggestive first lines of poems for readers who feel the urge to try their pens at the poetic art.

Perhaps a better understanding of present day labor strikes may be obtained by reading the very significant book *A Footnote to Folly* by Mary Heaton Vorse. This woman is an eminent reporter and ardent labor organizer who has witnessed all of the major strikes in the important years from 1912 through 1922. Her chief aim has been to devote her literary efforts to the cause of labor. Whether she is reporting the great Amalgamated Strike of 1921 or the conditions of famine in post war Russia, Mary Heaton Vorse always stresses the human element. It is the sufferings of the children and the great waste of human material that this much-travelled writer chiefly deplors.


matically. One look at surrealist works convinced him that art is on the down-grade.

Should you like to learn more about this interesting character, you might look in *Who's Who in International Music* where an account of his work is given, or you could inquire at the American Church in Paris where he was at one time a baritone soloist. You might even question his wife and daughter.

An interesting simile -- as busy as the profs working the "Twins" puzzle in the daily papers.

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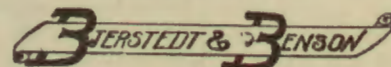
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Falcons End First Conference Season Under Coach Lowery

End Season with .500 Rating; Herkal and Nystrom Star

The Falcons finished their first year of basketball under the tutelage of Coach Emmett Lowery with a record of .600, and a conference record of .500. They started the season with five consecutive wins over non-conference foes, and then dropped two games on a disastrous trip into Southern Wisconsin. In these seven games they defeated St. Olaf twice, split with Oshkosh, won from Augsburg, lost to Milwaukee, and defeated Macalester, the Minnesota conference title leaders. The most exciting of these pre-conference tilts was played on the local court with Oshkosh. The Falcons held a four-point lead at half time, but pulled away during the second half and came out on the long end of a 55-39 score. This game produced the amazing total of 38 fouls called on the two teams.

Start Conference Play

After the Christmas holidays and the road trip, the River Falls team started their conference play in earnest. They eked out a two-point victory over the strong team from Superior; holding the Yellowjackets scoreless for 13 minutes. Herkal and Nystrom got 14 points each to pace the Falcons. May and Torgerson turned in brilliant defensive games. In the next game River Falls defeated the lowly Stout Blue Devils on the Stout court. The score was 26-19. Stout managed to hold Herkal and Nystrom to 7 and 8 points respectively. With these two games in the bag the boys came home with dreams of another championship, but a tall nightmare entered into the peaceful slumbers of the Falcons. La Crosse journeyed to River Falls with a highly touted team and a theretofore unknown reserve center who dropped in five field goals in the last half to partly shatter the hopes of Coach Lowery. This game recorded the most freakish shot of the schedule.

Lose Title Chance

Stout journeyed over to River Falls for their return engagement and managed to hold Herkal to six points this time, but Nystrom came through with 14 points to give the Falcons a third conference victory, 37-28. Eau Claire "kicked" away the Falcon's last chances for a title at Eau Claire and scored a close 45-43 victory. This game brought forth another scoring threat for the Falcons in the person of Mert Wulf, who lopped in 16 points. Nystrom got 10 and Herkal 9. The boys seemed to have the losing habit by this time and Superior took its turn and downed the locals 40-34. Herkal dropped in 15 and Nystrom 10. The Falcons then journeyed to La-Crosse with fire in their eyes and held the Maroon cagers to six field goals while administering to them their first conference loss. Herkal again led the Falcons with 16 points and Nystrom added 8.

The boys entered the last game of the season against Eau Claire with the will to win and showed it for the first half when they left the floor with a 24-15 lead. The Zornmen, in the second half, turned on the heat and the Falcons saw their lead melt to nothing in five minutes. The Eau-Claire men made it decisive after that, going home with a 53-41 victory. Nystrom provided the largest single scoring spree of the season getting 17 points. Cudney came through with 11 and Herkal got 7.

Two Veterans End Play

The final total for points gives Nystrom 88 and Herkal 85 in conference play. Herkal captained the team

Championship Game Of Inter-Murals Is Won by Bartz's Five

Isaacson's Quintet Defeated by 26-19 Score in Playoff Game

The best exhibition of offensive and defensive basketball in the intra-mural games was the championship battle between Bartz's and Isaacson's quintets. This game was played with all the fury of a national championship, and the outcome was not known until the final minutes. The final score was 26-19 with the fast, rugged team of Bill Bartz defeating the pre-game favorites, Isaacson's, to win the college title and the athletic medal awards.

The game began with Bartz counting a long shot from mid-floor and a moment later Lansing matched it to tie the count. The game was scoreless for the next eight minutes. Bartz and Marquardt added a basket apiece, and Robert's two gift shots brought their total at the half to eight points. Lansing and Torgerson added four points to bring their team total to six points at the half. The steady defensive work of both teams kept the score below par at the half.

The second half saw a more open game and both teams added points, but only after the result of good teamwork. Roberts counted four buckets this half to lead his five, and Isaacson garnered eight points to keep his team in the running.

Bartz was the outstanding player on the floor through his fine defensive work and his ability to hit the hoop from long range. His greatest feat of the game was in holding one of the league's ace scorers, Selvig, without a point. Isaacson played a great game and shared high scoring honors of the game with Roberts of the opponent's quint, both having ten points.

BARTZ (26)	FG	FT	TP
Capt. Bartz, f	3	0	6
Roberts, f	4	2	10
Martin, f	2	0	4
Marquardt, c	1	0	2
Steckelburg, g	1	0	2
C. Jones, g	0	0	0
Jesse, g	1	0	2
Totals	12	21	26

ISAACSON (19)	FG	FT	TP
Capt. Isaacson, f	3	4	10
Selvig, f	0	0	0
R. Jones, f	0	0	0
Stratton, f	0	0	0
Malotky, c	0	0	0
Lansing, g	2	0	4
Torgerson, g	2	1	5
Bremer, g	0	0	0
Mills, g	0	0	0
Totals	7	5	19

and played outstanding ball in all the games. Nystrom, sensational sophomore guard, proved that he deserved his all-conference berth of last year and, with Herkal, put himself in the running for a place again. Jim May was the outstanding defensive man on the team, holding the high scorers of the conference to very few points. Mert Wulf also finished his last year of basketball. He gave the boys the height they needed in the games and came through for his share of points. His crowning achievement was his 16 points contributed at the Eau Claire game. Cudney and Torgerson both played good games and deserve lots of praise. The reserves were led by two freshmen, Nelson and Skyberg, with Randles also seeing action in most of the games.

The "little-known man" of the current basketball five is Ted Setterquist, who served in the capacity of assistant to Coach Lowery. Both of these men have done fine jobs and should be lauded for their fine sportsmanlike conduct and ability to take a defeat without squacking.

Win Inter-Mural Awards



Left to right: Marquardt, Roberts, Jones, Bartz, Steckelberg, Jesse, Martin

Dan's Dope

The Superior Yellowjackets cut another notch in their win column last Friday night when they downed the lowly Stout Blue Devils 38-25. This closes another "non-victory" season for the Menomonie aggregation. The last time those boys hung up a conference win was in the 32-33 campaign.

Last Wednesday night, La Crosse dropped a closely contested battle to St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota, 36-33. The Falcon's victory must have temporarily upset Howard Johnson's men.

The 26 points Bill Zorn's boys tossed in during the first five minutes of the second half proved too much for the Falcons the other night. In spite of the defeat, there were several encouraging signs which speak well for next year's chances. Cudney's and Nystrom's well-put shots along with May's stellar guarding should make many a miserable moment for future opposition.

And here's the dope on Herkal's complete hard-court record. During four years of competition in which he played 65 games, the "Minneapolis Marvel" scored 781 points for an average of 12 points per game. His total score for this season was 167 points. That record speaks for itself.

Eddie Lynch, assistant football coach at Iowa, recently returned from a trip East and reported that Osborne Cowles was going great guns at Dartmouth. Although the varsity is not turning in an overly impressive win column, Eddie stated that the team was running up some big scores and looked like a well coached squad.

The annual "Class C" basketball tournament will give students an opportunity to see teams coached by three 1936 River Falls grads. The Hammond squad is coached by Perry Luchsinger, Roberts by Melvin Wall, and Louie Kulas has had charge of the Prescott squad the last two weeks because of the illness of Coach White.

On the basis of the season's record, Elmwood is the pre-tourney favorite, with Prescott a close runner-up. Elmwood has a squad of "Midget Men" which has not been defeated this season - even having a victory over the college freshman squad to their credit.

"Al" Erickson left Friday for Daytona Beach, Florida where he will enter the spring training quarters of the Columbus Red Birds.

Volleyball and Ping Pong To Begin Next Term

Inter-mural competition will continue in this college in a volleyball league and a ping pong tournament. The volleyball teams will consist of six men each, and any team losing one game will immediately be eliminated from further play. Athletic awards will be given to the members of the winning team. The ping pong tournament is sponsored this year by College Humor Magazine, with the winners being given recognition in that magazine as well as gold medals. All men students wishing to participate in these events sign up at the office of Coach Lowery.

W. A. A.

In a close and thrilling battle, the Rurals defeated Deiss' team last week to keep the lead in the women's basketball race. The offense displayed by both teams was excellent, but the guarding on the part of Deiss's team faltered in the last quarter to allow the Rurals to win the game 35-31.

Grupe's team continued their jinx hold over Manske's team by defeating them 16-9 on Thursday night. The game was close and hard fought, much more so than the score indicated. The guarding was excellent. The best team work thus far in the tournament was shown in the games of the past week.

Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Rurals	8	2	.800
Manske	5	5	.500
Deiss	2	8	.200

Plans are rapidly materializing for the women's doubles tournament in badminton. It was hoped that the singles tournament could be finished this week, but the players are slow in running off their matches. The mixed doubles tournament will be started soon.

We urge all men who are planning to enter the tournament to leave their names with Miss M. L. Branstad or Mary K. Prucha, badminton sports heads. A partner will be found for all entries.

Student Voice Picks All-Conference Team

Herkal and Nystrom Are Given Honors for Second Season

Herkal, River Falls	--	Forward
Juels, Superior	-----	Forward
Lehman, Eau Claire	----	Center
Nystrom, River Falls	----	Guard
Sacharski, La Crosse	----	Guard

With the curtain having been rung down on the 1936-37 basketball season it becomes the custom to pick an all-conference team.

Your correspondent will not do any bragging about the following selections, having seen most of the men in action for only one game.

We believe, however, that no all-conference team would be complete without the Falcon scoring twins, Nystrom and Herkal. These two men played fine ball all season, scoring 88 and 85 points respectively in eight conference games. For the forward position opposite Herkal we would play Ray Juels, the Superior flash. Although held by Jimmie May to two baskets in the game here he scored five against the Falcons at Superior. For the center position our choice would be Lehman, Eau Claire star. Lehman was largely instrumental in the Zornmen's defeat of the Falcons, scoring 13 points. Sacharski, star guard from La Crosse, we believe deserves the place opposite Nystrom.

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R. Zorn and D. Dykstra Debate With St. Thomas

Debating the question, "Resolved: That congress should be empowered to establish minimum wages and maximum hours," the River Falls Dykstra-Zorn team upheld the affirmative case against the negative attack of the Zack-Caplan team of the College of St. Thomas at last week's assembly.

Important points for the affirmative side were outlined by Daniel Dykstra, first speaker, as: first, that such regulation would be for the public interest; second, that the public interest in this case can be best protected by the federal government; third, that the advantages of this plan would outweigh the disadvantages.

Mr. Zack, first speaker for the negative, maintained that the questions of first importance are whether or not industry can afford these changes, and whether police power should be extended where results are undesirable. He maintained that: first, under this regulation, the real wage would not increase; second, our exporters would be put at a disadvantage; third, that the minimum wage might become the maximum; fourth, that decrease in hours would be disastrous to the employer.

Second affirmative speaker, Roman Zorn, presented evidence to support affirmative contentions, called attention to the successful use of this system in 21 foreign countries and 7 states. He maintained that all parties, society in general, industry, and labor, would benefit from this arrangement.

Mr. Caplan completed the negative case with these points: undesirable evils of unemployment and extreme rise in prices would result, these laws could not be enforced, and organized labor could remove the need of this power by congress by collective bargaining.

The high caliber of the St. Thomas team is evident from the fact that Mr. Zack was a member of the national championship debate team last year. The Zack-Caplan team is considered the best in this region and is, as Dykstra remarked, "the aristocracy of debaters."

Miss M. Bridges Entertains

Miss Mabel Bridges entertained students in her Technique of Teaching classes at tea Tuesday afternoon in the social room of South Hall.

Miss Sadie Johnson, a former primary teacher in River Falls, discussed stamp collections. Miss Johnson's collection is one of the best collections in the state of Wisconsin.

Rural Life Club Discusses Choral Speaking Topic

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Rural Life club was held in the rural department last Thursday evening. The theme of the meeting was "Choral Speaking," and it was discussed by Virginia Smith, Mary McCardle, and Miss Delander.

Miss Smith explained that this method of oral interpretation began as a result of the music festival held in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1922. Choral speaking is really a method of reading, in unison, literary selections such as poetry. It aids pupils in correct pronunciation and enunciation, and it also helps in overcoming self-consciousness.

The purposes of choral speaking are to overcome the embarrassment of younger children by having them read in groups, and to teach them meter and correct pitch.

Miss Hilder, after giving a discussion of choral reading, led the group in the reading of several literary selections among which were, "Who Has Seen the Wind," "The River," and "Lamentations of David."

"For the past few years," stated Miss Hilder, "poetry and its interpretation has been neglected in our schools, but at present we are beginning to realize some of the values of the beauty of poetry and other literary selections. . . . The fundamental purpose (of choral reading) is to bring poetry back into life again."

Library Workroom Is Redecorated by P.W.A.

Another step toward the improvement of South Hall has been made with the completion of the remodeling of the room next to the library which is to be used as a library science workroom.

The textbook library, formerly occupying this room, was moved to a room on the third floor to make a place for three work tables. Here the librarians can do the pasting and repairing of books which comprise the less obvious side of their routine. Meetings of the library science class will also be held in this room.

The redecorating of the walls and refinishing of the floors were done by W. P. A. workers. New cupboards and shelves have also recently been built in the janitor's office on the first-floor.

On Our Scratch Pad

"Lars" thinks his girl buxom because she usually opposes his suggestions that they go some place.

Perhaps when the contest has run its course, the time shall have come when they will have to solve the puzzles on the exam papers.

There is a "Plant Path" student who thinks that the term "physiological strain" has something to do with a prom or a hard game.

It seems that the coach is all keyed up about the padlocks on the lockers in the locker rooms.

Then there's the absent-minded fellow who left his glasses on the piano at Taylors. In a pinch (or clinch), it's better to be safe than sorry.

Campus Chatter

WANTED—immediately - a carpet for the Student Voice editor to call reporters on!

Miss Latta is of the firm opinion that Mary of Scotland married a mistake. That's not entirely unheard of. Fifty per cent of the total population has made the same mistake -- excluding the bachelors, of course. They never made the same mistake once.

Heard in French class: Coed (translating): "How," she asked, "shall I know if he really loves me?"

Dr. Owens (sotto voice): "Wait until after the formal."

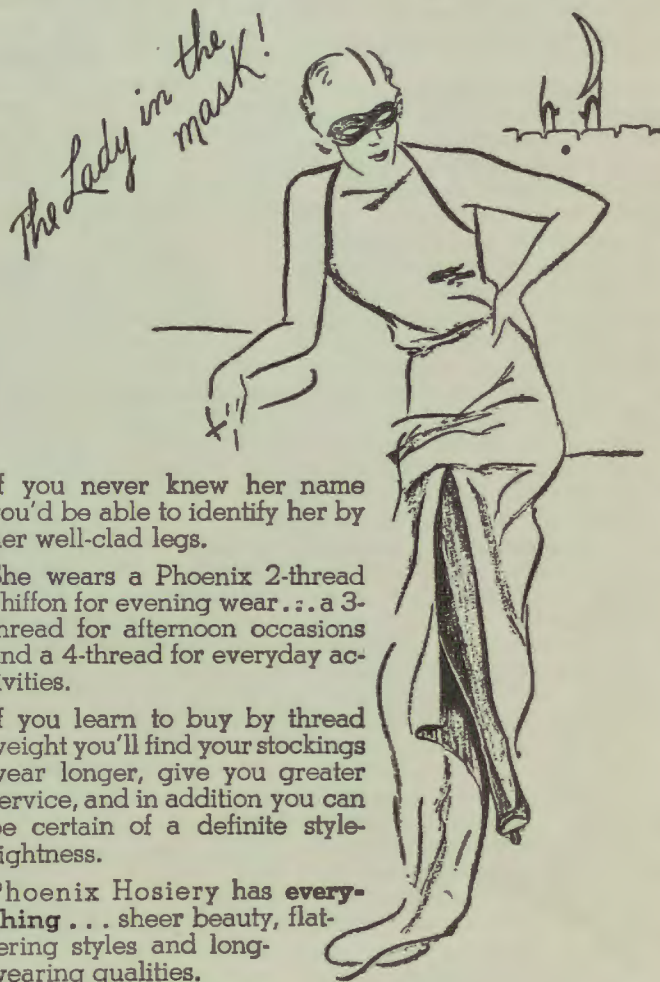
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Mechanical Design Is Topic of Science Club

At the Science Club meeting held last week, Professor R. E. Spriggs spoke on "What is new in the auto power plant design."

According to Mr. Spriggs, gas motor or power derived from gasoline or oil now make up 85 per cent of all the power machines. Gasoline is about seven times as great in the amount of energy produced as is nitro-glycerine which we consider a powerful explosive.

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