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Ida May Born Begins Scout Training Class

Course Covers High Spots in Girl Scout Program and Leadership Techniques

Miss Born pointed out how acutely the welfare organizations need volunteer help just now, particularly the character-building agencies, whose claims to support have been unheeded in the clamor for relief.

"Children need recreation more now than they ever did before, if their morale is not to suffer from the economic conditions of their homes", she said. "But recreation costs money, and many towns have had to close play grounds and swimming pools, because they had no funds to pay trained directors."

"This is an example that might well be followed in other places," she continued, "and who could do such a job better than a young college woman full of energy, zeal and high spirits?"

One Eastern city was saved the calamity of such closing last year, Miss Born narrated, because the Girl Scout leaders, joining hands with other recreational leaders, supplied the leadership and also a program.

The aim of the course now being given by Miss Born is not necessarily to turn out Girl Scout leaders but rather to familiarize the students with the possibilities of Girl Scouting as an avocation. The course includes five meetings and covers high spots in the Girl Scout program material, both indoor and out, and Girl Scout leadership techniques. Miss Born emphasized particularly the flexibility and comprehensiveness of the material and its applicability to any living conditions, any group, or any locality.

"Put your college training at the disposal of your community. You can do it through Girl Scouting and it needs to be done."

This is the advice which Miss Ida May Born, member of the national field staff of the Girl Scouts gave to the girls of the River Falls State Teachers college April 11.

"Young women who face the interim between learning and earning, which is apt to be long for many during these times, have more opportunities for more service than ever before," Miss Born declared. "College girls with the altruism and enthusiasm of their age have always shown a predilection for social work. There is laboratory experience to be had in handling a Girl Scout troop, and theory to be acquired in a leaders' training course. The laboratory experience is free, and the cost of the theory is nominal."

Adele Williamson has received a contract to teach at Pepin.

Members of Music Faculty Give Program

Miss Wharton and Mr. Rozehnal of the music faculty are to present a concert on the Thursday morning assembly program. Since Mr. Geere is suffering with laryngitis the students will miss his customary excellent presentations.

The program as announced to date is:

- Violin Concerto, 2nd and 3rd movement ----- Mendelssohn
 - Auf der Heimat ----- Smetona
 - Indian Snake Dance - Cecil Burleigh
 - Rondo Brillante - Cecil Burleigh
- Further additions to the program are to be announced at the time of the concert.

Directs Scout Course



MISS IDA MAY BORN
Photo by Edna E. Burdette

Easter Program Features Music

Pantomime, Readings, and Songs Provide Dramatic Joint Meeting

The Y. W. and Y. M. held a joint meeting in the Social Room Tuesday evening. The program which was given was in the form of an Easter dramatic service.

Phyllis Glass opened the services by playing a number on the violin. She was accompanied by Helen Glass at the piano. Following this, Joyce Heidbrink, Marguerite Oberding, Dorothy Swenson and Phyllis Glass sang several numbers.

The principal part of the program was a pantomime of a scene between Mary and John after the crucifixion of Jesus. Bernice Smith took the part of Mary and Henry Forsyth, the part of John.

Dressed in long black robes, Morris Buske and Alice Smead read a service from the Bible. Vernon Peroutky acted as interpreter.

The program was completed by a brief benediction.

All Athletes Are Eligible To Attend Formal of Club on April 29

All boys who have participated in any form of athletics are eligible to attend the "R" club formal, April 29.

Miss Schlosser of the English faculty judged a declamatory contest at Ellsworth Wednesday.

Masquers Will Present Four Plays To-night

One - Act Plays Coached by Davee, Lover, Libakken and Ruth McIntyre

The four one-act plays to be presented by the Masquers in the college auditorium Wednesday evening, April 12, present a wide variety of plots and characterization.

The first one, "Grandma Pulls the String", coached by Paul Davee, is a domestic comedy managed by Grandma, Mary Jane Larson, who insists that young Thornton, Al Hocking, court her granddaughter Julia, Helen Kotts, exactly as Grandpa courted her. The other members of this cast are: Mrs. Cummings, Mildred Chelgren; Hildegard Cummings, Shirley Severson, and Nona Cummings Beaver, Elaine Brunner.

The second, "The Clod", coached by Bill Lover, is a Civil war play in which for one moment the Clod, Imelda Farrell, is roused from her stolidity only to sink back into her customary apathy. The other characters are Thadd, her husband, Anthony Runte; a Northern soldier, Milton Hunnicutt, and two Southern soldiers, Sergeant and Dick, Harold Rasmussen and James Mason respectively.

The third play, "Wedding Presents", directed by Ruth McIntyre presents an old maid cousin, Marjorie Gallup, who very nearly breaks up the wedding of Ray Oliver, John Swesey, and Mary Morrow, Elinor Bly. The parts of Mrs. Morrow and her husband, the Judge, are taken by Ophelia White and Vernon Peroutky.

The last production, "Suppressed Desires", coached by Leslie Libakken, is a Freudian comedy in which Henrietta Brewster, Leona Weber, nearly drives her husband, Carl Pflanz, insane with her harping on psychoanalysis until he and her sister Mabel, Vivian Grunke, turn the tables on her.

Freshman Class Elects Officers for Rest of Year

Although it is rather late in the year, the freshman class got together last Tuesday for an election.

Alice Smead, New Richmond, is the new president of the class. Donald May, River Falls, ran a close second and was given the office of vice-president. Dale Johnson, Maiden Rock, was elected secretary, and Ben Vezina, St. Croix Falls, has taken over the treasurer's job.

To Direct Schools



Kenneth Outcalt, '33

Kenneth Outcalt, member of the class of 1933, River Falls State Teachers College, was elected County Superintendent of Polk County in the recent election. He defeated the present superintendent, P. J. Lynch, a veteran school worker, in a closely contested race.

Problem of War Debts Debated

Forsyth and Pedersen Vie With Buske and Libakken No Decision Given

The official debate season closed some time ago, but four of the squad were given a chance to exercise their talents before assembly Thursday morning. The question for debate was the cancellation of the allied war debts.

Elaine Forsyth and Dagmar Pedersen upheld the affirmative point of view of the question while Morris Buske and Leslie Libakken argued the negative side.

The war debt problem seems to settle around an economical question. The debaters of the affirmative presented the following major points: the debts should not be paid because they are difficult to transfer; payment would only cause more ill feeling between the nations; and because a debt is legal is no reason for not cancelling it.

The negative ably refuted these arguments. No decision was made as to which side won.

Jerry Belisle, Lucille Malott, Gretchen Grimm, and Ray Penn, students at the University of Wisconsin, were renewing acquaintances in the college here during their spring vacation.

Many Students Slash Expenses of Education by Commuting

By driving from their homes to the college campus each day nearly sixty students from the surrounding territory are slashing the yearly cost of the college into half or less, a recent investigation shows. The findings disclose that of this large commuting group, eighteen drive daily from Hudson, six from New Richmond, five from Ellsworth, three from Beldenville, two from Hammond, while the remainder drive from various rural points in the near vicinity of River Falls.

Although not entirely new this year, the movement in its present proportions is decidedly an innovation. The pinch of hard times has doubtless been the main factor in bringing this novel situation about. The economy of the system is certainly a point meriting recognition. The thirty-four commuters mentioned report an individual saving of \$100 or more a year by living at home and

sharing car expenses. Thus they reduce the average figure of \$295 to \$190 and lower. Several state that they are actually financing the year for \$135.

The distance record for the present year is held by a group who have consistently driven through from New Richmond, a stretch of twenty-three miles each way. The average commuter, however, has been forced to drive sixteen miles at a cost of \$42 for the year.

Naturally, the plan has certain objectionable features, mostly of minor import. One driver volunteered the opinion that everything would be lovely were it not for the necessity of rousing a half-dozen reluctant collegians out of bed each morning at an early hour. Some enjoy the plan because of the opportunity it affords them to utilize the comforts and assets of their own homes. Although a few feel a certain degree of isolation from school activities and social

events, a considerable number are represented in a variety of extracurricular activities including basketball, glee clubs, Student Voice, band, and the Y. W. and Y. M.

Nevertheless, whatever the opinions regarding these less fundamental points, all the commuters commend the remarkable economy of the plan. It is very definitely an experiment that is making good. Many of these students would find it virtually impossible to finance a year at college were they forced to board away from home.

Mr. E. J. Prucha, the registrar, has discovered a rather surprising fact concerning the scholastic achievements of the commuters. He finds that the group averages distinctly higher than the college mean. He says that this fact, take it as we may, is convincing evidence that the driving student is not necessarily laboring under a handicap.

Scholastic Rank Of River Falls Faculty High

Continued Study and Travel Keeps Staff Abreast of Work in Own Fields

Continuing the recently begun investigation of the transition of the school to a four-year college, two freshmen have just completed a study of the character and qualifications of the forty faculty members of the River Falls State Teachers College. This study showed conclusively that the professional stature of the college instructional staff has kept pace with the school's rapid expansion and development into a full fledged, standard four-year college.

One way this is shown is in the matter of advanced degrees. Six years ago when the four-year degree course was introduced, thirteen faculty members had no degree, fifteen had the B. A. degree, and thirteen had an M. A. Now, however, in contrast, nineteen have the B. A. degree, twenty have the M. A., and three have Ph. D's. A dozen or more of those with the M.A. degree have done considerable graduate work toward the Ph. D.

Professional Advancement

It was also found that the faculty kept abreast of the work in their special fields. Each summer one-third of the faculty are on leave to do advanced work in a university, so that in the course of three years every instructor attends school. In addition many travel extensively in this country, while several go abroad. During the last five years eleven instructors have taken a year's leave of absence for advanced study or travel.

Universities all over the country have trained the River Falls faculty. Seventeen teachers have attended Minnesota; sixteen, Wisconsin; thirteen, Illinois; eleven, Columbia; eleven, Iowa; nine, Chicago; one or more have attended the Universities of Harvard, Yale, Rutgers, Virginia, Cornell, Southern California, Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Michigan and Kansas.

Study Abroad

Several of the faculty have studied abroad. Art, music, dramatic, and language professors have attended one or the other of these European institutions: University of London; Royal Conservatory, Paris; Heidelberg University; The Sorbonne, Paris; and Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Student-Faculty Relationship

These facts mean much to the students attending the River Falls State Teachers College. First, the student is assured instruction by a highly specialized staff, fully abreast of the times. No less important is the fact that River Falls students have close personal contact with the faculty; whereas, in a large state university freshman and sophomore classes are seldom taught by the heads of departments and the abler professors but are taught by student-assistants and part-time instructors.

Alumni Elected to County Positions

Many alumnus of the college have received positions in the last election. William Moore was elected as County Superintendent of Marathon county. Mark Saxton was re-elected County Superintendent of Pierce county. Raymond Sorenson and John Klingman were elected County Superintendents of St. Croix and Dunn county respectively.

The River Falls Student Voice

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

Student Opinion

The boys have an annual inter-class swimming meet--why can't the girls? From all the discussion going on about school concerning the meet last Thursday, the boys certainly enjoyed themselves. There are many girls in school who can swim fairly well and who enjoy the sport. The greater majority of them would like to compete in meets similar to the ones the boys have once each year. There is no expense connected with such a contest and not much extra trouble. Let's have a swimming meet, girls! L.E.

Just about this time of the year classes may become irksome and to many the notion comes that some things should be different. Of course everybody has this yearning frequently. This is a fortunate part of a man's makeup and in a measure it accounts for a great deal of progress.

And at about this time of the year many of our surrounding high schools send contestants here in music, athletics, and speech. Should you be feeling the blues, you may not be giving an accurate picture of the spirit of River Falls State Teachers College, nor the fine friendship existing between the residents, students, and faculty members.

Should you feel yourself slipping, give yourself a pinch and see if you can see the bright side of things as well. It's up to you to be fair and give an accurate picture to prospective students and visitors, as well as being fair to yourself. A.R.

Why isn't something done about the suggestion made in an editorial a couple of weeks ago, about having a few students standing guard at the main desk in the library so that the rest of the students would be able to go behind the stacks and "browse" among the books. It seems like a good idea and the only objection is that it hasn't been started. Who in the school should take the initiative in this new venture? Come on librarians! Give the students a treat by letting them see what books are in our own library. E. B.

Personally I think honor points are the bunk. They create too much prejudice in regards to a student's work and capability in the minds of subsequent teachers or of an employer who hears that a certain student made such and such a grade in a certain class. They do not always properly label the worth of a student in the minds of others. Everyone is set to striving for an "A" without regard to a mastery of the subject matter. Honor points are a hindrance to cooperation among the students in their work due to the fact that the better type of students adopt a selfish attitude in helping others for fear that they might also obtain an "A" or a "B". Many students resort to various cheating methods in order to try to get these coveted little demons called "Honor Points". After one has received his grades, should a person be justified in calling them honorable?

Would it not be more simple to either pass or fail a student? I believe this would tend to do away with students cheating. They would pass grades with honor that might truly be called honor. G.A.

Peculiar Nest Found By Botany Student

A peculiar looking bird's nest was recently delivered to the botany laboratory. It was found when an ax split a block of wood, fortunately not disturbing the nest. The tree at some time had been wounded and the bark, in growing over the wound, formed a pocket favorable for the nest. In recent years the wound had completely healed, leaving the nest untouched. Mr. Robertson estimated that it had been about six years since the nest had been in use by any bird.

The Three Arts

By M. L. W.



"The best of musical comedies". "The satire of the play itself certainly was clever, but the company was poor."

"I didn't like the music, but there surely were some clever cracks. I thought old Throttlebottom just about walked away with the play."

Such were the impressions of some of the River Falls people who attended "Of Thee I Sing" in St. Paul on Saturday. Although there seemed to be a general dissatisfaction with this cast, which could not be expected to be the equal of the Broadway company, everyone from here who saw the production was agreed that the satire of the comedy itself was par-excellence.

Every American governmental and political situation and institution from the nomination of the President to diplomatic relations with France came in for its share of satirizing. The much laughed-at office of vice-president was ridiculed more than ever by the fact that the national nominating committee kept forgetting the candidate who turned out to be Alexander Throttlebottom, a hermit by occupation, who had been chosen by lot.

This is only one of the many ridiculous situations which you will chuckle over if you will read "Of Thee I Sing" even though you have not seen the stage production.

Here and There

"Students with less credit in high school subjects rank higher", said Dr. M. J. Nelson, head of the department of education at Iowa State Teachers college. After an investigation, it was discovered that except in the case of foreign languages, those students who presented the least credits in their subjects excelled in scholarship those who presented considerable credits.—Iowa State College Eye.

Washington and Jefferson college students were surprised one morning to find signs on the campus, "Please Walk on the Grass". President Ralph C. Hutchinson says he means it. The campus belongs to the students and if they like to walk on the grass as well as their president, let 'em—Iowa State College Eye.

Glenn Frank, president of the U. of W. says, "This must be remembered: we can postpone the building of a road, bridge, or a building, and catch up on such delayed construction later on. We cannot put educational opportunity in cold storage for the duration of the depression and catch up on it later on. For the children who are denied adequate educational opportunity now, it is lost forever."—Teachers College Advance, Oshkosh.

"Yeah" is not a modern slang expression. Back in 849 it was used by King Alfred, and is found in some of Chaucer's works.—Daily Cardinal.

Income taxes in the United States show a huge decline. Last year a total of 195 million was reported as compared to 180 million this year.

Noted Young Violinist Plays With Symphony

Yehudi Menukin, boy genius of the violin, will play with the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra for the first time in a regular Friday night symphony concert this week; the last but one in a symphony concert series.

Menukin has appeared often at Minneapolis in recital and once played with the orchestra in special concert, several years ago. He is one of the most colorful figures of the music world today, a boy whose parents have kept him boyish and youthful while he was achieving world renown as a great musical genius.

Menukin who is just past his sixteenth birthday, each year becomes more the wonder of his musical audiences. He made his debut in New York when he was ten, with Beethoven's violin concerto in D, the same which he will play on Friday evening. His playing was proclaimed a miracle and a revelation. His parents have permitted him to play only a limited number of concerts each year and have kept him away from public adulation, seeing that he plays with other children, hikes, swims, and leads a normal boy's life insofar as it is possible to do so. Each appearance of his anywhere in America or abroad brings out enormous crowds.

Have You Read

Increase of leisure is not a new thing. It began fifty years ago when working hours and waking hours were identical. What will the new technocratic system do to the leisure of individuals? More and more we are faced with the problem of what to do with our leisure time. Figures in the April issue of the Atlantic Monthly show that labor leaders are threatening to use force to get a thirty hour work week. There are 112 waking hours in a week of 7 days. Subtracting 30 hours for gainful labor leaves 82 hours. Allowing 21 hours for meals, would leave 61 hours of waking time with which 45,000,000 people are to do what they please. Something must be found to keep these people occupied. Read what Ernest Elmo Calkins says about this in his article "The Lost Art of Play".

"The economic catastrophe in which we find ourselves is due to a fall in commodity prices", says George Warren in his article "Is Our Gold Standard Too Rigid", in the April issue of the Forum. He gives many reasons that did not cause the fall in prices. Not over production, not the lack of employment, not too much specialization, not too much democracy, not the tariff, nor lack of confidence. Does the depression, supply of gold, or the demand for commodities account for the present condition? See for yourself.

An amazing article in the April number of the Forum entitled "The New School Trend" by Florence Sykes Mellow ought to be read by all graduating students. She gives an example of the old method and the new method of teaching and the results. "The method - conscious educators", says Miss Mellow, "are almost entirely maiden ladies, well past forty, who are frightened and death of appearing old-fashioned and 'set'. The young teachers, as yet uncrystallized, and impotent to work with children in their care, are not persuaded by the shoddy results of ultra-new."

The article "Students in a Hick College" by Wendell Brooks Phillips (April issue of the Atlantic Monthly) is not very educational, but is exceedingly interesting to read. Although the setting is in a southern state, some of the conditions that are mentioned could very well have taken place on our own northern schools.

"In the North", says a Boston observer, "cultivated people have good manners; in the South-amazing fact, everybody has good manners."

EYES EXAMINED GLASSES FITTED

Have Your Eyes Examined Once A Year

Dr. C. J. Phillips OPTOMETRIST

Still A Relic?

IT is a tragedy that men cannot think straight. This has been demonstrated time and time again. Particularly where the discarding of old and much used ideas is involved, are people especially stubborn. Nearly two thousand years ago there came a man who taught a new social creed. "Love thy neighbor; it is more blessed to give than to receive; and do unto others as you would have others do unto you", he said. As a reward for his efforts, he died an untimely death at the hands of his brethren. Why? Were his theories no good? Was he a dangerous enemy of society? No, his ideas were so good that even today the world cannot quite grasp them, and he was the very best friend of society, although the people did not know it.

Today in our ultra-modern and sophisticated society we fleetingly think that such things don't occur. But, oh, how wrong we are when we think so! Only about seventy years ago good straight-thinking Americans thought men with black skins were doomed to slavery. At this very time hundreds of thousands of Jews in Germany are being most disgracefully exploited by Hitler and his party. They represent some of the very best brains Germany has. Why all the prosecution? The answer is simply "prejudice, thoughtless prejudice."

It is about time that we should get rid of racial prejudice, of our present idea that anything new is no good, and of other similar ideas, and adopt a more open-minded attitude. Our present mental attitudes are only relics of the savage age. The change must come in the future and it is our duty to hasten it as much as possible. J.M.S.

The way to fame is like the way to Heaven -- through much Tribulation. Sterne

Our Grandfathers Knew

LIFE goes around in cycles. If you live long enough and keep your eyes open you will see that things have a way of "coming back" every few years. This country had a good laugh last year when citizens of various communities set up "bartering" establishments, swapping the things they didn't need for things they did need. They were only carrying out the identical system of bartering that our forefathers were forced to resort to. Today all over the country people are using scrip as a medium of exchange, exactly the same thing our fathers and grandfathers did both before and after the Civil war, and again in some sections as late as 1907. Another generation or two came on, confidence was restored in the country's financial system, and the day of scrip was forgotten.

The fact of it all is that we haven't traveled so far since grandfather's day after all. We make a lot of progress and then something drops a monkey wrench into the machine. We have to pause to get the wrench out, and invariably we have to use the same methods used by our grandfathers. It doesn't pay to poke fun at the old customs and methods. There is no way of telling before-hand that we may or may not be using those very same old customs and methods before we have served our time out on this earth. P. B. H.

All is but lip wisdom which wants experience. Sir P. Sidney

We Are Wiser Now

THE average citizen has learned in recent months that the greatest financiers, whose names have for so long been spoken in awe and with bated breath, are not supermen at all, but merely money handlers.

There never again, at least in our time, is going to be the confidence in the forecasts and predictions of the nation's so-called "financiers". We used to think the big fellows knew all about finance, and that they had a knowledge of money that the ordinary man could not acquire. They were above the clouds and out of reach of the ordinary man. We have changed our minds lately, and today all of us are convinced that they were no more able to handle great projects involving the use of large sums of money than the ordinary back-country banker.

The way big financial leaders; men like Kreuger, the match king, and Insull, the power magnate, have folded up and faded out of the picture, leaving a trail of bankrupt companies and people behind them, has made us see things in a different light. The superman in finance has shown what he is, and only the most gullible will ever again be deceived by his loud claims to the possession of great financial ability. The common, ordinary citizen has been dumb about money matters for a long time, but he has cut his wisdom teeth now. In the future the forecasts and predictions of "eminent financiers" will go in one ear and out the other. The average citizen is going to do his own financing in the future. The worst he can do will still be as good as what the so-called "experts" have been doing. P. B. H.

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Sophomores Score Easily To Win Swim Meet

Seniors Nose Out Frosh to Win Second Place; Few Juniors Compete

The men's swimming meet which was held last Thursday afternoon turned out to be a very successful event. The following faculty men and students acted as officials:

Starter, Bud Manion; Clerk of the Course, W. Knowles; Judges, Prucha, Williams, and Johnson; Timekeepers, Jacobson and Isaacson; Announcer, Kuss; Scorer, Karges; Referee, Cowles.

The sophomores, led by Harold Rasmussen, took undisputed first place. The seniors pulled the surprise of the meet by taking second place over the freshmen who were picked as favorites for that position.

The freshmen did surprisingly well despite the fact that this was their first major meet.

The juniors were sadly in need of a few swimmers, but you couldn't drag them into the pool with a block and tackle.

A large share of the men students were on hand to cheer on their classmates.

This is getting to be an annual event in the school and the competition is getting tougher and tougher. By the time the next swimming meet rolls around most of the men who intend to enter will be those who go in swimming all year round.

The total number of points made were: sophomores 35; seniors 25; freshmen 19; and juniors 2.

The following are the results of the various events:

160 yd. relay--sophomores, first; freshmen, second; seniors, third. Time 1 50.4 sec.

40 yd. breast stroke--Kvoool, sophomore, first; Linehan, senior, second; May freshmen third. Time 35.5 sec.

40 yd. free style--Rasmussen, sophomore, first; Bartosh, senior, second; O'Brien freshmen, third. Time 23.6.

20 yd. back stroke--Baker, freshmen, first; Repaal, senior, second; Tostrud, sophomore, third. Time 17.2.

Plunge--Dailey, sophomore, first; Standiford, senior, second; Tate, junior, third. Distance 47 ft. 11 in.

80 yd. free style--Kulas, freshmen, first; Bretle, sophomore, second; Woodward, junior, third. Time 58 sec.

Diving--Clafin, senior, first; Rasmussen sophomore, second; Bartosh, senior, third.

Medley--Seniors, first; sophomores, second; freshmen, third. Time 1.15.

Boxers Entertain Men At League Banquet

The boxers of the college are still going strong. This week a new man, John Sebeson, was given a chance to introduce himself to the fans at the Isaac Walton banquet. John, a young muscular fellow who has been sparing a little with some of the boys this winter, battled with Mike White. Mike got the decision.

Several boys from the grade school also held interesting bouts.

The main event of the program was the bout between Vern Woodward and Russel Haberman. According to the crowd, Haberman lost only because of Referee Roy McPherson's decision. Tough for "Mac".

According to Prof. Stratton, the crowd liked the program very much.

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In Shots By Vern

Before one of the largest crowds ever seen at any of our annual tank meets, the Sophomores carried off first place by amassing a total of 35 points.

The races were very close, some of them being won by a hand. (That is, the contestant putting his hand on the finishing line before his opponent.)

Even the officials became excited at times, pulling for their man to win.

What I can't understand is why the fair sex of the school don't put on some sort of a swimming meet such as the boys put on every year. Don't they know how to swim or what's the matter? It seems to me that with all the girls in the school they could produce some swimmers out of the bunch of them. Then we could take the winners of both meets and have a real contest. Eh, what, boys!

A short baseball meeting was held the other day for all who were interested in baseball for the coming season. About 45 men showed up, half of them new men and the others old members who will be out to make this the best year yet.

It has been rumored that Ray Helixon has signed up with Grand Forks for this coming summer. Ray deserves a chance such as he is getting. He is one of the most natural ball players seen around this neck of the woods for a long time. We all know that he will make good because you can't keep a good man down and we know Ray is good.

A Colfax roter recently sent me a letter raking the Falls in general, and myself in particular, over the coals for having said that a decision by the referee in the last few seconds of play gave Colfax the district finals. Space does not permit copying this letter.

I explained in this article that the referee should not be blamed for it because he was only human and any person was liable to make mistakes.

I did not see the game, but was told about this decision as one of the turning points of the game. From the attitudes of different individuals, they were blaming the referee for losing or winning the game.

It was my intention to show to all who cared to read that a referee does not like to make mistakes and if he made the decision of not counting the basket made or calling a held ball he was doing so to the best of his own judgment.

I was not discrediting the Colfax team; nor did I hear other say anything against the Colfax team. On the contrary, I was informed that theirs was the best team on the floor and that the River Falls district would be represented by a strong contender for state honors.

It seems to me that if the individual from Colfax who wrote the letter to me would check up on a few of his statements he would find that most of them were untrue and uncalled for.

Hope you all go to church Easter as there is where I'll be seeing you.

Teacher: What happened in 1483?
Student: Luther was born.

Teacher: Correct. What happened in 1487?

Student: Luther was four years old.

Plans Complete For the Second Play-Day Meet

Fourteen Schools Invited to Send Representatives to Partake in Sports

The second annual W.A.A. Play-Day, which is to exemplify play for enjoyment rather than to acclaim the best performer, has been scheduled for April 29.

The college W.A.A. is the sponsoring organization under the general direction of Miss Louise Branstad. Kittenball, relay races, tennis, volleyball, swimming, stunts, general group games and songs are to be part of the program for the day.

Neighboring Schools Invited

Some fourteen high schools have been sent invitations. As the girls register they are to be placed in groups regardless of which school they may come from. In this manner emphasis is placed on "fun for all and all for fun" instead of trying to pick a winner.

The high schools which were selected are those representative of the territory in the immediate locality of River Falls. It is expected that some old friends will renew acquaintances and many new faces will be seen. Those that were unable to attend last year because of the rain are looking forward to a full day of pleasure.

Play Is the Thing

No trophies are to be awarded and neither will there be any formal recognition of merit of any kind either by awards or other distinction. This apparent move of de-emphasis is in harmony with the more recently developed outlook of play for enjoyment rather than for commercialization. Play for enjoyment happens to be more accurately a reversion to the fundamental purpose of play. Chiefly the idea is to permit the usual performer an opportunity of enjoying a game rather than to develop a few super-stars.

Many individuals are able to have an enjoyable time without the tension of winning at all cost. Stress is on friendship and sociability through play. School spirit, accordingly, is not prevalent.

The day's program will open in the morning with various events of an athletic nature, closing with community singing when the group will adjourn for lunch at the cafeteria. In the afternoon a number of games are to be played with a view of providing some entertainment for the spectators. The mass volleyball game and swimming will close the day's activity. A complete and detailed schedule is to be announced at a later date. Entries from various schools are coming in now.

Play-Day is in its second year and was originated under the inspiration of Miss Branstad, instructor in Physical Education.

Mr. Jacobson (assigning physics): For tomorrow, go through the gas pipe.

Dailey: Aw, gee!

College Lad: Make this picture a good one.

Photographer: You can't expect me to accomplish what nature couldn't do.

My Daily Diary

April 2--Of all days it had to be this one--me with an earnest desire to work, had to lay in bed all day with fever enough to heat the hottest coal in Hades. Sunken into the mattress, an aspirin on my tongue, and rushing water passing the aspirin without carrying it with the current. It was a day that shouldn't have been!

April 3--It's Monday again. Sat in the library a good share of the day watching students moving in and out. One would almost think this was a teachers' college. At four o'clock the librarian must have pushed a button which put some force into their horseshoe magnet shaped desk, because it surely drew the students to it. It was to the theatre in the evening, learning how to shuffle off to Buffalo.

April 5--Up early to build the fire with damp wood, but I had a difficult time in getting the wood to burn. To school per usual. Home to listen to a trombone, cornet, and a violin make music fit to play in any old-time orchestra. Played cards with some well experienced freshmen--going in the hole by a penny. Turned off the push button as I hit the hay.

April 6--To school almost an hour before class began. As a teacher I should make a good red flood-light. The assembly program was highly enlightening--but oh, what those students didn't say to each other. Watched the snowflakes fall and melt as they touched the earth. To bed early, or late, or what have you.

April 7--Beer must be back. That's all I've heard from morn 'till night. The bottle labels are everywhere--it's a pretty sight. (?) To classes to hear more about the stuff. The "New Beer Year" 'is here--to stay? I wonder. Got a scissor hold on a perch, and a half-nelson around the pectoral fin to throw it for a yard loss before pinning it to the pan for dissection. What a sight to see a dead fish operated on. To the high school dance--feeling as happy as good old Budweiser. Life's a dream--and to dream is life. So let it be.

W. A. A.

The volleyball tournament games were played Thursday night. The three games showed good sportsmanship, and keen competition, especially during the last few minutes of each game. The games all ended with close scores.

The following persons received 25 points for volleyball: Lois Espeseth, Irma Polgar, Louise Hanson, Blanche Harding, Mercedes Peabody, Lorraine Howe, Charlotte Pope, Hazel Probst, Edith Peabody, Hermina Schmutz, Grace Schwalen, Shirley Severson, Alice Smead, Gladys Peterson, Martha Inglis, Gladys Johnson, Gertrude Kirchner, Kathryn Kresbach, Doris Nelson, and Doris Ostby.

Miss Mary Louise Branstad is conducting a 2:20 tennis class for amateurs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thus far there has been a turn-out of about fifteen students. The first lesson was a practice of feeling the ball; the second, forehand drives; and the third class period, the backhand drive was practiced. At each meeting Miss Branstad gave a few additional pointers on tennis. The class has been progressing splendidly. Before school is over there should be some excellent tennis players on the campus. The one impression that Miss Branstad got across was that one needs much more than just an hour of practice twice a week.

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Many Attend Satirical Play Held in St. Paul

"Of Thee I Sing" by Ryskind and Kaufman is Pulitzer Prize Winner

Students and faculty numbering about forty-five attended the musical comedy "Of Thee I Sing" at the Metropolitan Opera House in St. Paul Saturday afternoon, April 8.

"Of Thee I Sing", composed by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind, won the Pulitzer prize for 1931-32. This presentation was made by the Sam H. Harris company with Oscar Shaw and Donald Meek as John P. Wintergreen and Alexander Throtlebottom, satirically posing as president and vice-president of the United States. The comedy, a satire on the American government, received much applause from the fully seated opera house. The audience especially enjoyed the scene when the Supreme Court called signals and huddled to arrive at a decision.

Professor Jacobson evidently was effected by the gorgeous costume effects, for his principal comment was "the coloring sure was pretty".

Miss Hathorn reported that she was entertained to the utmost by the whimsical treatment of so serious a theme.

Bill Lover no doubt observed the play to test whether or not it met its classification as a satire, for his most pronounced criticism was "Talk about a satire. That sure is a real one. Does it ever slam the government? Wow!"

On the whole the group that attended considered the play well worth what it cost.

Retiring Cabinet Plans Installation Banquet

Arrangements are now complete for the annual Y.M.C.A. installation banquet which is to be held Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 in the physics laboratory. This banquet is prepared and served by the retiring cabinet members, making it possible to give everyone plenty to eat at a minimum cost of 25c per plate.

The program committee is very fortunate in securing Lyle Lamphere, a graduate of the local college and a former Y. president, to give the main address. Any of those who know Lyle will rest assured that he will have an address for us which will prove helpful and interesting to everyone present.

The program offers other features of interest such as the Y.M.C.A. quartet, of which we feel rightfully proud. John Dzubay will act as toastmaster. The retiring president, John Thompson, will give a brief talk and will undertake the conducting of the brief but impressive installation ceremony. The president-elect, Leonard Dorman, will also be called upon for a brief acceptance speech.

The general chairman, Everett Jacobson, has spent much time in preparing this program and banquet and is determined to have a successful affair.

Walker D. Wyman judged a declamatory contest Thursday evening at the Roberts high school.

Literature Class Ends Ballad Study by Program

As a conclusion to their study on ballads, the English Literature class under the direction of Miss Lucille Haddow gave a program in the Social Room Wednesday. Since ballads are stories written as poems and set to music, the entire program consisted of singing.

The committee in charge of the program was Rucille Wallin, Blanche Harding, and Lilian Gaustad. The program was as follows:

"New National Anthem" by class. This was a cowboy song to the tune of "America".

"Robin Hood Ballad" sung by Ford Johnson with guitar accompaniment.

"Awake to the Hunt" as a solo by Genevieve Thompson.

"Little Joe the Wrangler" and "The Girl I Left Behind Me" by Harold Paynter and Ford Johnson.

"Kentucky Ballad" as a quartet selection by Lois Bragstad, Blanche Harding, Genevieve Thompson, and Lilian Gaustad.

"Roll On" by the class.

Debate Squad and Coaches Entertained by Ames

The debate squad and two members of the faculty and their wives were entertained by President and Mrs. Ames at a 6:30 dinner at the Ames' residence on Wednesday, April 5.

The members of the squad who were there were: James Mason, Joan Smith, Dagmar Pederson, LaVerne Campbell, Elaine Forsyth, Leslie Libakken, and Morris Buske. Mr. and Mrs. Wyman, and Dr. and Mrs. Williams were the faculty members who attended. Following the dinner, games and cards were played by the guests.

Agrifallian Notes

At the Agrifallian society meeting last Thursday evening Meletean plans were discussed and an interesting program of music and a talk by Everett Jacobson was enjoyed.

Clifton Wick, who has charge of the next Agrifallian program, states that he has secured Professor E. A. Whitenack who will speak on "Farming As Carried on In Germany." Mr. Whitenack has spent much time in the "Fatherland" and is well prepared to talk about agriculture in that country.

From the City Pulpits

Methodist Church—
Instead of the regular evening young people's meeting Sunday, the young people of this church will unite in a Sunrise Lenten service to be held in North Hall at seven.

Union services will continue each night this week at 7:30 with the exception of Saturday. Holy Communion will be observed Friday afternoon at 1:30. College young people are invited to all these meetings.

Congregational Church—
Easter service Sunday morning at 10:30. There will be good Easter music. The sermon subject is "I Believe in Immortality".

The church school meets at 11:45. Easter services are to be held in the Men's Union with the Methodist young people at seven o'clock Easter morning.

Swedish Mission—
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.
Swedish service at 10:45 a.m.
Theme: "Christ is Risen". Special Easter music.

Did You Know That:

Scholars in thirteen countries are cooperating in making a dictionary of medieval Latin.

Sharks have no bony framework, and when brought on land their body flattens so that they look very different from the sharks of the sea.

There are places in Siberia where the ground is perpetually frozen to a depth of hundreds of feet.

The Nazis confiscated the \$7,000 bank account of Professor Albert Einstein on the ground that he intended to use the money for participation in the "atrocity campaign" abroad.

A debate on the subject whether or not the lotus flower grows wild only in New York in the Sodus Bay, off Lake Ontario, intervened for forty minutes in the Senate while the Senators were awaiting a decision on beer control and taxation.

Women, too, recently made a drive for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

The United States governs a hereditary monarchial realm. Hadji Mohammed Jamalul Kiram II, the Sultan of Sulu, rules over two thousand small islands in the southernmost Philippines.

Hitler and the Nazis have been described as the leaders of Germany to the Dark Ages.

In New Zealand blackberry bushes are real plant pests. Occasionally a bush several miles long may be seen.

Chewing gum has for its base a rubber composition mixed with wax or fat.

The wild ass that roams the Mongolian plains can reach a speed of 40 miles an hour for a short distance.

Our college has been given publicity in the St. Paul Pioneer Press in regard to the supposed stand our students have taken on the repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

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Campus Chips



Mr. Karges: What is the name of that acid we used in yesterday's experiment?

Student: Let's see; I have it on the tip of my tongue.

Mr. Karges: Spit it out quick, it's poisonous.

Girl: Don't you dare kiss me!
Cop: I'll arrest you for resisting an officer.

Nelson: I had to sell my cornet to get back to school, boys.

Hoddy: Good! We're glad to see you're back.

He: Don't you think you could learn to love me?

She: No, I always hated to study hard.

Inspector: What makes you breathe so fast?

Wise Guy: My lungs.

Sophomore (At the ball game): Aren't the people numerous?

Freshman: Yes, and aren't there a lot of them!

R.E.: I guess you've been out with worse looking guys than I am, haven't you?

Co-ed: (No answer).

R. E.: (Repeats).

Co-ed: I heard what you said the first time. Let me think.

Some one blundered: "So let us go into the virgin forest, where the hand of man has never set foot."

The best after-dinner speech runs something like this: "Look here, old chap, I'll pay for this."
A fond father gave his five year old son a copy of John Stuart Mills' "Political Economy". The boy looked it over carefully then turning to his father said: "Father, why didn't you give me this years ago? It would have changed my whole life."

Group of students in S. Hall: "Well, Mr. Malott, we have just settled the beer question along with a group of others."
Mr. Malott: "Well now, for goodness sakes, boys, settle yourselves."



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