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## La Ra, Finstad Teach In R. F. High School



La Ra Finstad

Miss Silver Star La Ra, a graduate of RFSTC in the Class of '42, is now teaching junior and senior English and Latin at the River Falls High School. Miss La Ra has been teaching in Alpha, Michigan for the past year.

A member of the Class of '45, Miss Carol Finstad, is also teaching at the high school in River Falls. She is teaching general science and also some classes in the mathematic department. Miss Finstad has not completed her course at the College, but because of the shortage of teachers has decided to help alleviate the condition and receive her degree later.

## Frosh Get Mixed at Mixer

The first evening of the school year brought with it the first social event of the fall term—the Freshman Mixer.

The entire Freshman class wandered into South Hall gymnasium feeling very strange and unacquainted.

However this feeling did not last long, thanks to the YWCA and the YMCA, who arranged the party. By a very ingenious method, all of the Freshmen were divided into groups of sixteen. Each group was then given a list of very odd and scarce articles which they were to locate as quickly as possible. The town really was alive during that next hour, with all of the scavenger hunters ransacking every nook and cranny in the area. However, peace was again restored when all of them had returned to South Hall either triumphantly or dejectedly, depending on how successful their search had been. Each member of the winning group was then very generously rewarded by being presented with a bit of confection on a stick (commonly known as a lollipop).

Refreshments consisting of pop corn and pears were then served. The dance, which followed, further helped the freshmen to become acquainted although it clearly showed the marked decrease in the number of the masculine element in the freshmen class. When the music ceased, the freshmen started for home vainly trying to remember the names of their many new acquaintances—the end of their first day at RFSTC.

## 226 Attend Summer Session

The summer school sessions in charge of Dr. Wyman were attended by 226 students. Of these 75 completed the eleven week's work. Classes began at 7:30 A. M. and so allowed men on the faculty time to go out in the afternoons and help farmers. Some classes changed their meeting places in order to take advantage of weather conditions. For example—Dr. Wyman held classes in the *Student Voice* room in the basement of South Hall.

## Thanks To The Yanks

Well, fellows we've been reading about the splendid job you're doing on our war fronts throughout the world. Keep up the good work. You're doing your share in helping to make this a better world to live in. And with your help we're going to try to keep it that way when the war is over.

Here's hoping you will have the opportunity to come back to RFSTC after the war.

Sincerely your,  
A Student

## Loeb, Wall Answer Call

Two more members of the college faculty have left the campus for other work. Miss Helen Loeb, former instructor of speech and English, is now in the Women's Army Corps. She has been stationed at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and on Sept. 13 to be sent to Fort Ogelthorpe, Georgia. At the completion of her basic training in the WACs, Miss Loeb will be commissioned as Second Lieutenant.

Mr. Melvin Wall, who taught in the Agricultural Department of the college, did agronomy work in Richland Center this summer. This year he is doing research work at Madison for the Department of Agriculture.

## Rural Prospect Good

According to Miss Jorstad, prospects for rural teachers in the future are unusually good this year. There are thirty three freshmen and six sophomores in the department, which is an increase of about twenty-one over last year.

All students in the rural department are members of the Rural Life club. This club, meets every two weeks. Programs are arranged and given by their own members with an eye to usefulness in their teacher training. In all probability, the first meeting this year will be a picnic.

## Football In Spite Of War

One of the smallest squads in the history of the school reported to opening practice. Although only eight men reported for the first drill on Monday, this team now totals seventeen. The squad is composed of the following:—Gerry Anderson, Bob McCardle, Calvin Hophan, Carl Wickman, Gene Wing, Marlin Wisc, Bud Shock, Arnie Feiler, Reuben Johnson, Doyle Beyl, Neil Goodspeed, Alfred Hartung, Wilbur Larson, Ed Anderson, Don Ubbelohde, and Bob Dopkins. Of this group, there are only two lettermen, Goodspeed and Wickman, the rest are first year men.

With River Falls the only active member in the conference, it has been difficult to arrange a schedule. Negotiations are being made to arrange a home football schedule with Hamline, Augsburg, and Macalaster. However, no permanent schedule will be made until the end of this week. A preview of the teams ability will be shown next week when

## The Boys We Knew Gave Their Lives As Men

Mrs. Mae Busby was unofficially informed Monday that her son, Bob Busby, was killed in a plane crash, presumably in Oklahoma. Bob Busby attended River Falls State Teachers College for two years. He was now a member of the Army Air Corps.

Ensign Robert Thoreson was in the Navy Air Corps, stationed at Pensacola, Florida. He was lost in a plane crash in September 1942.

Private Charles Ganske was in the Army. He was reported missing at Bataan. Later, he was reported to be a prisoner of the Japanese. Finally, he was reported dead in a Jap prison camp.

Frank E. Winterling who was in the U. S. Marines was lost at Guadalcanal in Dec. 1942. His only brother was also lost on Guadalcanal. The father was able to join the Marines after the death of his two sons.

Voyle Johnson was a member of the 34th Pursuit Squadron in the Army Air Corps. He was sent to Manila to aid in the defense of the Philippines, and has been missing since Dec. 1941.

## The Voice Presses Roll

Again the *Voice* of the students of River Falls comes off press and again we start another year. When we stopped the press last May there was some doubt about the future of the paper, about the future of college papers in general. Harvard and Yale announced suspension of their student publications. It was feared that small colleges of our type would of necessity have to follow suit. However, by making adjustments we are proud to announce that the *Student Voice* will continue to come to you this year.

Perhaps we might have suspended publication for the duration had not the memory of the men in the service haunted us. We remember the many letters received from the ends of the earth telling us the paper is appreciated. We remember the way students on the campus rush to get the paper each week. When we remember these things, we resolve to keep it coming.

Not solved yet is the problem of financing it. Not solved is the help to wrap it. We expect to publish five issues a term, some of them four pages, some of them two. But it will be published.

Wars, plagues, and other disasters may come and go. To us who work on the staff, the *Student Voice* is pretty nearly eternal. We shall hitch our wagon to a star and ride out the war—even if the breeching breaks.

## We Learn About Pottery

The Polomeme Potters will be featured at the first regular assembly which will meet 10:00 A. M. on September 23. A demonstration lecture will be given to show how the pottery is made from clay. This will be a special program of entertainment as well as education.

the scrimmage with River Falls High School will take place.

## Stratton Welcomes Frosh

At the first all student convocation Tuesday Dean Stratton welcomed old as well as new students. He congratulated them for coming to college in spite of various high salaried opportunities which are offered today. He stressed the value of teachers' training for, despite the glamor of the WACs, WAVES, SPARs and other "uniformed services," the role of a teacher is necessary and equally important.

The program closed as it had opened with group singing led by Mr. Geere. The old favorite, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and our own "Pledge Song" dedicated to the eight hundred alumni and old students now in active participation in this war, were among the selections.

## Malott Resigns After 32 Years of Service

Professor James I. Malott resigned this summer from his position as director of the Department of Education after having been a member of the faculty for thirty-two years. At one time he was the director of the Rural Department. Mr. Malott has always maintained an active interest in the welfare and success of the students. Although Mr. Malott has resigned, he still continues to be interested in the school and its activities. He has expressed the desire that student and faculty should not forget that he still lives in River Falls.

## Faculty Reinforced

Facing a nationwide demand for teachers, RFSTC has but two new faculty members. Replacing Miss Mary Louise Branstad and Miss Helen Loeb, the new teachers come with high recommendations and have been accepted by the entire school.

Miss Anderson, Physical Education instructor, comes from Woodstock, Ill., where she was a former high school teacher. Hailing from Minnesota, and with a degree from the U. of Minnesota, Miss Anderson has great plans for the W. A. A. She also hopes to open Senior Life Saving and Advanced Swimming classes.

This year's speech classes will be taken over by Miss Hoffman, who last taught in Fort Collins, Colorado. A graduate of the U. of Colorado and Denver University, Miss Hoffman also teaches Freshman English Composition. The reports are that both Miss Anderson and Miss Hoffman are most adequately filling the shoes of their predecessors.

## Ames appointed Advisor

President Ames has appointed the position of class advisors:  
Freshmen—Miss E. Hoffman, Mr. Sjowall.  
Sophomore—Miss Lienemann, Mr. Manion.  
Junior—Miss Delander  
Senior—Dr. Wyman

Mrs. Donald Elert of River Falls is the secretary to the registrar. Her husband, the former parole officer, is now serving in the armed forces.

## Former Graduates Dies Of Infantile Paralysis

Charles R. Cudney died September 16, at the University Hospital in Minneapolis. He was the first person in Pierce County to succumb to the disease of infantile paralysis which is gradually advancing northward from the Chicago district.

Mr. Cudney, a graduate of River Falls State Teachers College in the class of 1938, majored in science and mathematics. He was active in basketball, football, golf, science club, and was a member of the "R" club. He taught for a time at Cadott, Wisconsin and was at present mathematics teacher and coach at Ellsworth.

The faculty and students of River Falls State Teachers College extend sympathy to his family.

## College Enrollment Down

On September 13, college reopened for the fall term, with the registration of about a hundred freshmen. Approximately another hundred upper classmen enrolled on the following day. Breaking these figures down further, we find that there is a grand total of thirty-five men in school! And about twenty one of these are freshman.

That's quite a change from what it was when many of you fellows were here. Those were the "good old days" when the boys outnumbered the girls two to one.

By the way, that reminds me of a story one of the fellows told me a couple of days ago. It seems that this fellow was walking down the street, when he innocently and unsuspectingly whistled at a couple of girls. One of the girls whistled right back at him—guess she must have been a frosh—and remarked that it was the girls and not the boys who were going to do the whistling this year!

Almost half of the men in school are out for football. Even at that the squad is so small there is hardly anyone left to play "end on the bench and guard of the waterjug."

However, we are going to try to continue with our regular extra curricular activities. Of course, our funds for these extra curricular activities and organizations, are limited. Then too, we don't have enough students to carry out a full program in these fields. Even our school dances are pretty much out for the duration.

Remember those astronomy "classes" which used to meet regularly "down creek" and up on the mound. Well, from what I hear those "classes" have practically ceased to exist—even on moonlit nights.

Many of our faculty members are also gone. Even Mr. Malott is gone. He retired from his teaching position this fall. But most of the members of the faculty who left are now in the service.

## Men Wanted for Choir

Men who are interested in a cappella choir should leave their names with Mr. Geere. If enough men sign up, a cappella choir will be formed—otherwise there will be a girls' choir only.

### DROOP SNOOPS:-

Hello there peepie! We are at it again! If you Freshmen see any upper classmen roaming around dreamy-eyed, its jist 'cause they're dreaming about the days when women were women and men were—period! This doesn't apply to Lois Bernd of course. She has been lucky enough to have entangled one of the prize Freshmen boys. This took place "yars" ago, girls so rest in ease. Nothing can be done about it.

Something new has been added at the McCollow mansion. Its for a limited time only, but doesn't a uniform perk Nona up?

RFSTC rated a swell crop of freshmen this year, didn't it? After the boys "donned" their wolf proof vests, they really look swell. Maybe some of this artillery will be left home after they have had a good look at the freshmen girls! Huh boys?

Bev Askey and Marge Lynch seem to have hypnotized two eligible men. Maybe this is a "has been" but Droop misses out on so much this year when all she has to do is study! If there are any corrections just notify me. I'm always around when you don't want me.

Mildred Fleming's third finger left hand is slightly weighted down since Lt. Jarolimek was home last summer.

"Bye the Bye" while we're on the "sparkling subject," best remind you to notice "Widow" Luberg's left hand addition.

That sailor gracing our fair campus this week was none other than the well known Turk Leadholm. Best to add this before you gals go wide-eyed. He's strictly Jorstad's property.

Bye now—see you next issue in here—lets hope.

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### DOSE HE WEAR A CORSET-

Angel robes, I Q tests, those cotton swimming suits, fifty cents here and a dollar there, besides Frank Sinatra's latest recording and "Does a certain member of the male faculty wear a corset?" are the upper most thoughts in a freshmans mind, not to mention that they back home who seems so much nicer, when attending a girls schools such as it is.

The first few days are rather humiliating being dubbed as *this* or *that* freshman, to say nothing of the mental torture you bring upon yourself each time you fall down the second floor steps or make a three point landing on a slippery corridor.—What do the upper calls-

The nights seem to be well taken care of men think? by those thoughtful teachers who realize we haven't a thing else to do.

### YOURS AND MINE

Times have changed in the last two years if the college freshman is any indication. The number of new skirts and sweaters in college can be considered as a good indication of how pa is faring. Have you noticed how well poised the freshman of today is?...The all school mixer Tuesday evening was one of those rare parties when everything is perfectly timed and executed....The story is that Prof. Geere's "M. C." talents were undiscovered until about two years ago. Seems they were discovered at a faculty picnic. Picnics do bring out various things—and I don't mean only flies and ants....Miss "new" Hoffman and Miss Zak swing a mean hand in the dishpan. With their efforts and spirit the clean up after the party Tuesday evening was a task of only minutes....Newly washed and waxed floors around school give one the feeling that the janitors really do-care about us....Speaking of will power (or were we?), Bob Hope didn't go out with girls until he was almost four! ...Seems a trifle silly to heat the entire school buildings this winter with so few students enrolled. Wonder if a more economical use could be made of the rooms when classes are so small....And then there's the patriot who was charged with draft evasion but who explained he was a bum and was afraid, of demoralizing the army....Those four o'clock rushes in the library "ain't" what they used to be! I remember when it kept the college nurse busy with smashed toes, sprained fingers, and dislocated shoulders after four fifteen....We still see vestiges of Mr. Malott around the college. Have you noticed the superb vases of flowers here and there? Wonder if psychology when applied to flowers would work as well for all of us....About the only member of the Big Ten whose coach will not have to become a dope addict to live through the football season is Michigan.... Oh, Most Favored of the Gods! Look at her backfield—Wink and Hirsch of Wisconsin, Minnesota's Bill Daley, and her own Paul White.

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