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TRACK AND BASEBALL HELD UP BY BAD WEATHER

Heavy Squad Reports for Trials

In answer to Coach Eggebrecht's call for track and field men, thirty candidates turned out. All were anxious to begin work at once, but owing to the frequent snow storms all outside work had to be discontinued. The track cannot be put into shape for some time, so the team will be greatly handicapped in training.

The following are the prospects for the different events:

In the dashes—MacAndrews, Gerretson, and Roberts; Mile and half mile, Deans and Smith; Half mile relay, MacAndrews, Gerretson, Miles, Gurnoe, and Roberts. Tuttle, Lipke, Hanson, Cole, and Miles will compete in field events.

Every effort will be made to get all men in shape for the dual meet with Stout, May 5.

Mud Hinders Baseball

In spite of frequent snow storms the baseball team has had practice out-of-doors three afternoons. The weather proves so undecided in its intentions that it has been hardly safe to schedule games during the first part of the month.

Barring snow storms, the Normal team will meet the St. Olaf aggregation at Northfield, Minn., Tuesday, April 17.

GYMNASIUM DEMONSTRATION

The annual G. A. A. gym demonstration will be held April 20 at 8 p. m. in the North Hall gym.

This is going to be one of the biggest events of the year. Everyone who attended last year's demonstration will testify to its success. This year's demonstration is expected to even surpass that of last year.

There will be group dances, drills, stunts. The costumes alone are costing \$75. The profits will be spent for play-ground apparatus for the children; also for sweaters for the G. A. A. girls.

Mr. Ames says "No one can possibly afford to miss it. It is one of THE events of the year."

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

Important Resolutions Passed by Council.

At a meeting of the Alumni officers and council Monday evening two very important resolutions were approved which directly affect the class of '23.

For some time it has been felt that the present membership requirements have not been satisfactory, and that the facilities for conducting a proper meeting and banquet have not been adequate. It was proposed to make bigger and better arrangements by promulgating two resolutions.

The first one provides that on and after July 15, 1923, life membership dues shall be assessed at five dollars for each alumnus, sustaining membership at one dollar per year. This is in contrast to the present constitution providing for life membership upon payment of one dollar.

Resolution number two provides that every alumnus who is not a member of the association or who does not pay a sustaining membership fee, shall be assessed twenty-five cents for the association tickets in addition to the regular price, such money to be placed in the general fund of the treasury.

This permits the present senior class and all alumni who have not yet linked themselves with the great group of energetic alumni, to secure a life membership in the River Falls Normal Alumni Association upon payment of one dollar. It entitles them to all the privileges and benefits of the organization and to partake in all the activities of the association.

An Old Grad Writes

Father Time is an energetic and hard working old man. He is commander-in-chief of a vast army of followers. He leads these followers through months, years and decades without giving them the least thought. The individual in this army must take care of himself, must make his own way through these periods on his own initiative and force.

You, present students of the best school in the state, are about to real-

SUPERIOR WINS CHAM-

PIONSHIP IN DEBATE

Falls Had Strongest Competition

Two weeks ago today Superior, Whitewater, and Oshkosh Normal schools met in debate for the state championship. The victor in the northern circuit, Superior Normal school, ably represented this district, winning both her debates and with them, the state championship. This victory for the team which defeated River Falls so narrowly shows the caliber of the team which represented our school. We are glad to see a school from our district win, though we couldn't do it ourselves.

THANKS TO SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The dance held last Friday in the North Hall gym was attended by an unusually large crowd. Everyone professed themselves as absolutely satisfied with the music furnished by Al, Brad, and Elva. The fact that this is probably the last dance before the Prom. was probably responsible for the increased attendance. The social committee deserves a vote of thanks for their activity in putting on this affair.

ize that you earnestly belong to Father Time's army. Are you going to leave your Alma Mater and enter into the unknown without first joining one of the big organizations which will mean so much to you in years to come? Let's keep alive the great spirit of the school, foster the memories which are so dear to us, and keep the connection with the institution which accomplished so much for us.

You will not begin to really appreciate school life till you enter into your work after graduation. Why not continue being a member of the River Falls Normal school? Nothing can bring back memories of school life so vividly as taking part in some alumni activities. Let's see the class of '23 join this association 100% and I will give you the word of an old grad you will not regret it.—R. S. Hanson, '17.

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SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE STUDENTS' READING LISTS

O. M. Hanna

Approximately 100 students in the advance composition classes were asked to prepare in a week's time a list of the books they had read. No book was to be included without the exact title and the name of the author. Many trusted to memory and admitted that their lists were incomplete; others compiled their lists carefully from book and library lists. The number of books read by each student ranges from 12 to 236. The total number of books included on the lists was 1109. The ten books read by the largest number of students were as follows: "Silas Marner", read by 66; "Merchant of Venice", by 52; "Uncle Tom's Cabin", by 46; "Lady of the Lake", by 46; "Girl of the Limberlost", by 45; "Ivanhoe", by 44; "Little Women", by 44; "Last of the Mohicans", by 43; "Shepherd of the Hills", 42; "Freckles", by 40.

The wide individual taste of the

students is quite significant as shown by the fact that 923 books were reported as having been read by less than four students, with 690 of these as having been read by no more than a single individual. Some of the best books were to be found in these individual lists, such as the "Mirrors of Washington", "The Mirrors of Downing Street", "Outlines of History", by H. G. Wells, and "Natural Law in the Spiritual World". On the other hand fifteen of the Horatio Alger books appeared on the lists with three or less readers for each.

An examination of the lists of books read by four or more students shows that 60 per cent of the books that are recognized as classics have been read as a part of the required reading in school. The remaining 40 per cent of the classics have appeared on the supplementary reading lists for which credit was allowed. However, a majority of the students who read such books as "Uncle Tom's Cabin", "Robinson Crusoe", "Huckleberry Finn", "Black Beauty", and "Up From Slavery", stated that they had read them without credit and of their own accord.

The books most popular, outside of the classics and those on supplementary reading lists, were "The Girl of the Limberlost", read by 45; "Shepherd of the Hills", read by 42; "Freckles", read by 40; "Ann of Green Gables", read by 39; "Riders of the Purple Sage", read by 25, and other books by such authors as Gean Stratton Porter, Zane Grey, Eleanor Porter, and Harold Bell Wright. Most of these books belong to the type of fiction which Mr. William Dean Howells classes as "fiction that aims merely to entertain". It is harmless in itself, but appeals only to our

"He jests at scares....."

The first student who comes to our office, completes the above quotation, tells its author and where it is found will receive a box of candy as a prize.

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"primitive natures"; and, unless we wish to be considered merely as a part of the "unthinking multitude" we should not allow our tastes for such type of book to develop to the disparagement of interest in a better class of reading. Every student would do well to add to his list of yearly reading three or four books of unquestionable value.

A few other interesting observations came out of the examination of the individual book lists. These observations may or may not be significant. Sixteen students reported each a list of more than 100 books; only one of these sixteen, over 200. Of these, 14 are students of "A" or "B" standing in English. The other two have a standing of "C". Eight of the sixteen, or 50 per cent are on the honor roll for the first semester.

On the other hand of approximately 84 students reporting lists of less

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than 100, only one is an "A" student, and only five are "B" students. Of these 84, but four students, or less than 5 per cent, are on the honor roll for the first semester.

Twenty-five students reported less than thirty-five books each. Of these 25, sixteen are "D" or "F" students; seven are "C" students, and two, whose lists are obviously incomplete as they contain only the classics read in school, are "B" students, one of which is an honor student for the first semester.

The contribution which good reading can make to one's education is, I think, unquestioned. The above may be significant.

CAMPUS OPINION

"The school plans to have more extemporaneous speaking next year. How should such a program be accomplished?"

Reynold Jensen: "I think that if some sort of recognition for excellence were given, as is done in other activities, there would be an increased enthusiasm for this very popular art."

Vernon Mapes: "Why not have a student organization to efficiently conduct such a program? Every student should have an opportunity to secure practice in such speaking."

Lillian Brosi: "I certainly think that plans for more extemporaneous speaking in the school should be forwarded. The different organizations should continue in promoting such work, but it could be emphasized more in their programs. More interest might be created in such speaking if joint meetings were held for impromptu speaking competition."

Ray Gross: "By getting more

students interested thru short extemporaneous talks in classes which offer suitable subjects, the practice would be made more universal. The older we grow without this practice, the more self-conscious we become; hence these class talks carried thru from the grades would tend to 'loosen' students in this respect. Such public speaking experience is perhaps more valuable to the prospective teacher than to any other type of student."

John Reno: "Impromptu speaking, as an aid to clear, logical thinking, and the polishing of expression, could be developed in this school by the holding of contests that take the form of dialogue argumentation. The contestants in their impromptu dialogues should choose subjects that require original thinking rather than the opportunity to draw on predigested material. The ordinary debate builds up two unrelated and undecisive points. The dialogue would tend to get at the conclusion, for in this there could be but one line of argument to be developed and criticized."

These contests could be held in the assembly at regular intervals; every student should be given an opportunity to take part."

WANTED

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School Notes

Oh! gosh, galosh, you're here again. Helen Tuttle of Balsam Lake has enrolled in school.

The Lincolnians will have their annual banquet April 19.

Miss West and her cousin, Ed. Wilson, went to Anoka Friday.

Alice Haagensohn and Mary Carroll re-entered school this quarter.

A dancing party was staged at Roese's last Saturday evening.

The MacDowell Club met at the home of Mrs. Ames last evening.

Esther Reed of Ellsworth visited Gail Bennett Friday and Saturday.

Virginia Hagg of Ellsworth visited Nellie Roese over the week-end.

Gretchen Zimdars had her tonsils removed in Minneapolis last week.

Arnold Falkofske, '22, principal at Bay City, visited school last Friday.



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SCHOOL NOTES

Seniors are busy sending out applications for teaching positions next year.

Mildred Anderson, '22, who teaches at Glenwood City, visited school last Friday.

Wayne Taylor was surprised by a group of his friends last Wednesday evening.

Esther Oakes has returned to school after an absence of two weeks, due to illness.

Dorothy and Laura MacNamara spent the week-end at their home in New Richmond.

Winifred Lynch, '23, who is teaching at Kingston this semester, visited friends here Friday.

Mr. Arnold and Mr. Dickenson of Minneapolis visited Gladys Dickenson over the week-end.

Mr. Riley visited the Shell Lake Trio over the week-end and attended the dance Friday evening.

Mary Carroll's portable victrola made a journey last Thursday evening. A good time dominated.

Leo Shannon, '21, who has been home for a week's Easter vacation, has returned to his school at Balsam Lake.

Ted Reed, '19, of Beldenville, Josephine Koenig, '20, and Esther Reed, both of Ellsworth, attended the dance Friday.

Margaret Smith returned to Tony, Wis., where she has taught since the beginning of the second semester, Monday.

Rosa Neevel left for Athens, Wisconsin, last Friday. She is going to teach there the remainder of the school year.

Ag. men are getting the cattle ready for field day, which will be held in the early part of May. Watch for the date.

Irene Stewart, '22, and Ann Hagestad, '21, have returned to their schools at Glenwood City after a two-weeks' vacation.

Mr. Eggebrecht and Joe Gurnoe were busy working to get the baseball diamond leveled off and in good shape last week. That's the spirit, folks.

Miss Tilton underwent an operation for appendicitis last Friday at St. Joseph's hospital, St. Paul. Reports say that she is getting along very favorably.

Edward Currier, Galen Kirsher, Shirley White and Ruth White, who are attending the U. of W., are spending their Easter vacation at their homes in the city.

Now that the Baptist church is going to conduct revival meetings, the student body will perhaps have another chance for a series of excuses for unprepared lessons.

The following girls have signed contracts to teach in Wausau next fall: Lila Fleming, Arthus Thompson, Margie Fay, Irene Luberg, Edna Olson, Gladys Herum, Mildred Heidbrink, and Irma Haupt.

The "Boo Gang" presented Bernice Schwedes with a very pretty corsage bouquet of Easter lilies and maiden hair fern last Saturday evening. She pinned it to her dress with a silver

safety-pin; the corsage was appropriately tied with white elastic ribbon. What do you suppose "he" said?

The Senior department of the Congregational Sunday school will give a party at the church, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Games and eats. The members extend an invitation to all the Normal school students.

I can accommodate a few more for table board at reasonable rates. Mrs. W. T. Churchill, 5th St. Phone 531.

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